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▶ Prospect Point in Stanley Park is seen before and after its restoration following the Dec. 15, 2006, windstorm that knocked over 10,000 trees.

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Woman killed in front of toddler

A woman was shot and killed in her car yesterday afternoon as a toddler watched from the back seat.

Police responded to multiple calls of gunshots in the 6400 block of Bruce Street in East Vancouver just after 3 p.m. and arrived to find the woman deceased.

"It is still very early in this investigation and investigators have far more questions than they do answers," said VPD Const. Lindsey Houghton.

"At this point, it appears to be targeted."

Houghton said officers would be canvassing the neighbourhood throughout the evening to see if anyone heard or saw anything suspicious.

"Our first and foremost priority right now is the safety and welfare of the young child. We've been liaising with our colleagues with the Ministry of Children and Family Development to make sure that child is safe," Houghton said.

One local resident said he was disturbed by the brazen shooting.

"It's pretty weird it happened right here. No one shoots someone with a kid in the back seat," said the man, who asked not to be identified.

Police would not confirm whether the woman was the mother of the toddler, and said they did not have a description of any suspects or a getaway vehicle at the time. **DANIEL PALMER**

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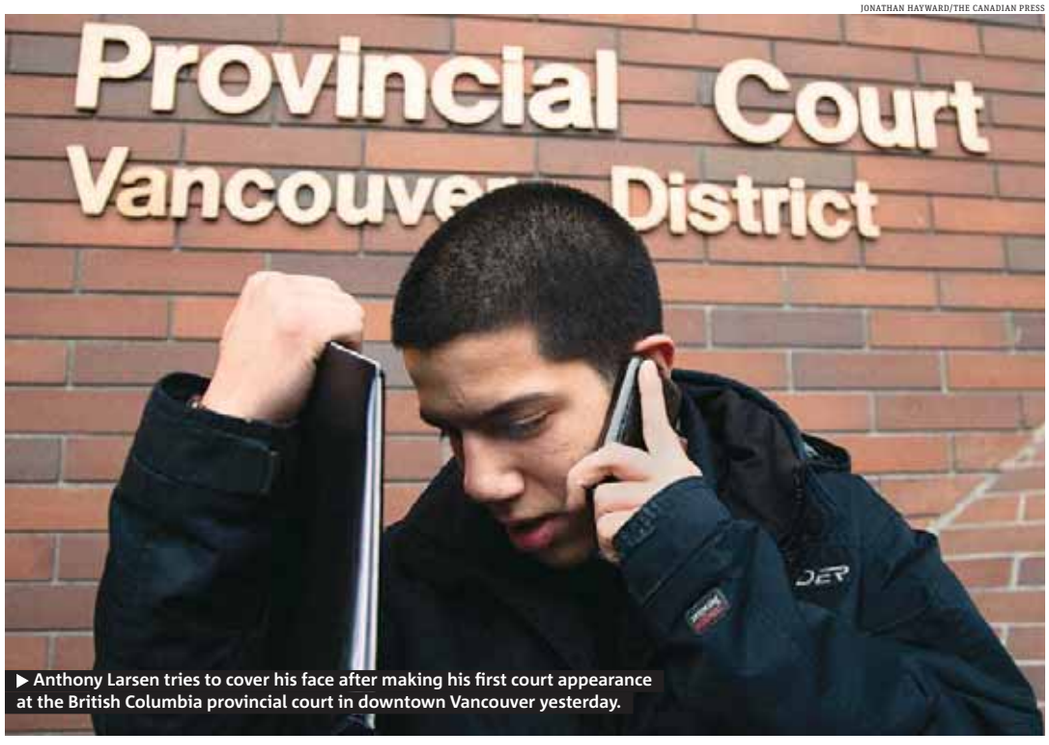

▶ Anthony Larsen tries to cover his face after making his first court appearance at the British Columbia provincial court in downtown Vancouver yesterday.

First accused rioters make court appearances

- Eight suspects allegedly took part in violent post-Stanley Cup melee
- Crown says it wants to have each trial broadcast live on television

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The reckoning over who was responsible for the June 15 riot in Vancouver began in earnest yesterday as the first eight individuals charged with riot-related offences made their first court appearances at the provincial courthouse on Main Street.

The Crown submitted a notice of intention to apply for the proceedings of each trial to be broadcast — a practice that is normally banned. It's a measure Christy Clark promised in a throne speech earlier this year.

Spokesperson Neil MacKenzie said the cases mark the first time the Crown has asked for a court proceeding to be broadcast.

Each appearance was brief, and each was quickly adjourned to a date within the next month. Ryan Dickinson, 20, was the first to appear yesterday morning by video from his detention cell wearing red prison garb. He is charged with participating in a riot, mischief and breach of an undertaking, and had spent the weekend in jail.

Other defendants Spencer Kirkwood, 25, Robert Snelgrove, 25, Anthony Larsen, 18, Matthew Lennox, 24, and Jeffrey Post, 20, arrived in person.

"I love this city very much," said Kirkwood, of Vancouver, as he went into court. "What happened, I can't change, and I really wish I could."

Defence counsel appeared in the place of defendants Oliver Burke, 28, and Sophie Laboissoniere, 20. Laboissoniere's council told the court he intended on entering a guilty plea. **WITH FILES FROM CANADIAN PRESS**

ICBC worker linked to violence

An ICBC employee has been linked to a series of arsons and shootings targeting 13 individuals affiliated with the Justice Institute of British Columbia, the RCMP confirmed yesterday.

No one has been physically harmed.

In a press release, Chief Superintendent Janice Armstrong revealed that the ICBC employee allegedly accessed the personal information of 65 individuals, including the 13 identified victims.

ICBC said the individual has been fired and the company has conducted an internal and external review of their systems.

"(We) have taken steps to better guard against this type of incident from happening again," said Jon Schubert, president and CEO of ICBC.

Police are still determining if others are at risk from the privacy breach.

The RCMP insists the investigation remains a "top priority" for police and anticipates that "all those responsible for these violent criminal acts will be brought to justice." **KENDRA WONG**

News in brief

Big horn sheep shot in Lytton

WILDLIFE. B.C. conservation officers are appealing for the public's help after two big horn sheep were found shot dead in the Lytton area.

Officer Steve Wasilyk says the killings appear to be a case of target practice because the sheep weren't big enough to be trophy animals and did not have much economic value.

The rams were discovered last night near a First Nations graveyard.

Wasilyk says big horn sheep are not endangered but there's not many of the animals in the Lytton area. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ Brian Quinn, acting manager of horticulture operations for Stanley Park, shows a mini-picnic area created in the Merilees Trail leading up to Prospect Point. He says the upgraded trails, which feature improved drainage and more durable surfaces, have lessened mudslides going over the seawall.

Breathing new life into Stanley Park

2006 windstorm gave opportunities to renew, restore and improve the city's largest and most famous park ◐ Huge success in tree replanting

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It's been five years since a massive windstorm left Stanley Park bruised and broken, but a member of the restoration team says the devastation has paved a way for an improved and more resilient Stanley Park.

On Dec. 15, 2006, a windstorm struck the park, taking down 10,000 trees, as well as causing extensive damage to the seawall.

Brian Quinn, acting manager of horticulture operations for the Queen Elizabeth and Stanley parks, said they haven't seen that level of forest damage since Hurricane Freida in 1962. It was also the first time in over 40 years the entire park was closed to the public.

"We are very well on our way on creating another forested area that is resilient, sustainable and manageable."
BRIAN QUINN, ACTING MANAGER OF HORTICULTURE OPERATIONS

"That Friday morning, we came to work and the Stanley Park Causeway was closed because there were 36 trees blocking the area," Quinn said. "There was no way to access the park at all."

"We almost didn't know where to start," he added. "We didn't have a lot of large equipment to start moving trees off the roads. In a daze, we got our chainsaws out and just started cutting trees."

The downed red cedar trees were donated to artists and First Nations groups, Quinn said, while the money generated from selling Douglas fir and hemlock went back to the restoration and ongoing maintenance of the damaged areas.

Quinn said a group of "wise men" — foresters, ecologists, geotechnical engineers and park staff — worked together to come up with a long-term forest-management plan, which includes renewed wildlife, wildfire and silviculture management practices.

The windstorm, he added, gave them opportunities to improve the ecology of the park and restore the proper balance for a coastal rainforest. Quinn said there has been a 93 per cent success rate in the 13,000 tree seedlings planted.

"If the windstorm had not happened, we wouldn't be where we are today," he said, adding that they have come a long way, but there's still work left to be done.

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Government funding and donations have provided more than $10 million for recovery efforts.

Windstorm not devastating for wildlife: Ecologist

If there was a silver lining to the Stanley Park windstorm, Patricia Thomson says, it's that it allowed more biodiversity into the park.

"We've always seen it as a shocking impact, but we've never thought of it as a devastation," said Thomson, executive director of the Stanley Park Ecological Society (SPES). "It's a natural event that in the long run has been a tremendous opportunity for the park, its forest and the wildlife."

Thomson said the windstorm created new habitats for wildlife as the dead and dying trees opened up a "fresh buffet" and served as nesting grounds for birds and small animals.

She said SPES was able to work closely with the Vancouver Park Board in creating an ecosystems-based park inventory, which pinpoints the environmentally sensitive areas in the park.

The report, she added, can serve as a guide for the park board in setting priorities in its operations going forward.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

Recovery difficult but worthwhile for business owner

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▶ Daniel Frankel stands outside the Prospect Point Café after the Dec. 15, 2006, Stanley Park windstorm.

Daniel Frankel can still remember the day he trekked up on foot to check whether his Prospect Point Café was still standing after the Stanley Park windstorm.

The Prospect Point Lookout took the brunt of the devastation five years ago, and Frankel said it was an emotional experience seeing the damage as he made his way up to his business site.

"The roadways were like a logger road," he said, adding the hike that usually takes 30 minutes ended up being a two-and-a-half-hour trek. "I had to literally jump over logs."

Once he arrived, he said he saw at least a dozen trees leaning against the building, several broken windows, as well as damage to the tables and concrete.

"I was amazed and bewildered at the fact that wind can do so much damage," he said.

It cost them several hundred thousand dollars in lost business, Frankel added, and they opened the café, concessions, gift shop and restaurant in sections.

"It was difficult for us because we're open 365 days a year at Prospect Point," he said. "We don't close for Christmas, and it's one of our busiest days."

But five years later, business has never been better.

"We're actually busier than ever now, with the bus and walking tours," Frankel said, adding the new view deck at the Lookout Point and improved landscape is attracting more people.

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Giant raids nab grow-ops

BUSTED. Two residences have been seized in two massive grow-op raids in North Delta.

Delta police executed a search warrant at a house in the 8600 block of Delcrest Drive, seizing 275 marijuana plants.

A second warrant was executed in the 10700 block of Doncaster Drive, where police found 2,341 cloning plants. The value of the operations is more than $158,000.

Four people are facing eight charges.

KENDRA WONG

Liberals hit over Kyoto

CLIMATE. The provincial NDP says the Liberal government should stand up and say Ottawa is wrong to be pulling out of the Kyoto accord.

Environment critic Rob Fleming says the Harper government's decision on Kyoto makes Canada look more like an environmental renegade than a leader on climate change.

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Suspect flees after shooting

TARGETED. Vancouver police have released a description of a suspect who fled after a targeted shooting in downtown Vancouver.

Officers say the man is at least six feet tall with a medium build and was wearing dark clothing, a ball cap and a scarf covering his face.

He escaped in a light-brown or gold-coloured SUV, but witnesses were unable to get a licence plate number

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A learning experience

VPD says Stanley Cup riot taught it plenty ◆ Chu: Regions are key now

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▶ Police in riot gear after the Canucks lost the June 15 Stanley Cup final in Vancouver.

The Vancouver Police Department says it has learned a lot in the aftermath of the Stanley Cup riot.

At a police board meeting yesterday, Chief Jim Chu said police still have a lot of work to do to implement their share of the 128 recommendations made in the wake of the June riot, but regional co-operation is paramount to keeping order in future celebrations.

"Rather than trying to intercept people when they get off the Canada Line or the SkyTrain in Vancouver, police officers and safety personnel are fanning out to other jurisdictions and checking for illegal liquor in suburban jurisdictions as people make their way into Vancouver," Chu said.

The VPD has been following the recommendations from four reports — including a review by the Ottawa Police Service.

Planning for next year's playoff run — which police are anticipating — should be established before April, said Supt. Daryl Wiebe.

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Hate-speech law under attack

Appeal in Toronto scrutinizing Section 13 of Human Rights Act while private members bill seeks to repeal it

A section of Canada's human-rights code that protects against hate speech on the Internet is under attack on two fronts just as three accused neo-Nazis in B.C. face charges of vicious, racist assaults.

An appeal got underway in Federal Court in Toronto this week scrutinizing Section 13 of the Human Rights Act, which says it's discriminatory to spread hate messages online.

The case pits human-rights advocates against defenders of free expression.

Meanwhile, federal Tories are seeking to kill the provision via a private member's bill in the House of Commons.

But those who keep an eye on incidents of hate and the so-called white-pride movement are worried if those provisions of the act are killed, Canada could see more incidents like the setting on fire of a Filipino man on a Vancouver street.

Police recently announced the arrests of two men in their 20s and a 30-year-old in connection with that assault and three others against minorities in Vancouver. Investigators allege the trio are members of Blood and Honour, a white-supremacist group linked to violence around the world.

42% Statistics Canada found Canadian police forces reported a rise of 42 per cent in hate-based incidents in 2009, as compared to 2008, and more than half were based on race. The year before, there was a 35 per cent jump. The figures are the most recently available and were released in June.

All three suspects have provincial court dates on Dec. 23.

"Even after individual members are arrested for these kinds of degenerate crimes, they have a persistent ability to attract new recruits," said Richard Warman, who is one of three parties in the appeal case and contends Section 13 must stay intact.

The Internet now disseminates the racists' rallying call, he said.

"That's why it has to be a constant concern not just for police, but the community and the government as a whole," he said.

Warman has used the provision on 15 occasions to mount successful complaints, mostly against people accused of agitating online for ethnic cleansing.

But his record was turned on its head in 2009, when the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruled in favour of a right-wing extremist webmaster.

The tribunal, which only handles cases referred to it by the Canadian Human Rights Commission, found Marc Lemire exposed homosexuals and blacks to hatred and contempt by publishing an article entitled "AIDS Secrets."

But the tribunal also ruled it was unconstitutional to penalize him.

The commission is seeking the appeal.

Eight other groups are participating as interveners, including B'Nai Brith Canada and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

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Warm. Hat

▶ Senior Joe Royer tries on a toque donated by the Hudson's Bay Co. as part of the Greater Vancouver Community Services Society's (GVCSS) Christmas-care-package program.

400 Christmas care packages delivered

The GVCSS and volunteers from SFU's Young Women in Business program distributed 400 Christmas care packages to elderly, mentally ill and disabled people at the Oppenheimer Lodge yesterday. Care packages included soup, coffee, mugs, socks, shampoo, a robe and Purdy's Chocolates.

Vancouver less trusting of cops: Survey

Vancouverites have trust issues with their police force, according to a new report.

The report found only 65 per cent of local residents trust the Vancouver Police Department, compared with Toronto's 78 per cent and Montreal's 80 per cent.

The Community Trust Report surveyed 1,502 people in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver to assess trust in six categories: relationship, stability, innovation, vision, practical value and competence. Nick Black, vice-president of Concerto Marketing Group — which conducted the survey with Research Now — said trust in the VPD is markedly lower than the usual high-70-percentile enjoyed by major institutions.

"What we found were that three major drivers were contributing to that lack of trust — competence, relationship,and vision. People were saying that (the VPD) weren't great to deal with," Black said.

But part of the lack of trust may be that Vancouverites hold their police force to a higher standard, said David Eby of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

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▶ B.C. SPCA investigators exhume a sled-dog mass grave near Whistler in May.

Dog-sled company donates assets

New non-profit organization that received the donations aims to improve animal welfare

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Assets from a Whistler dog sled-tour company that allegedly is responsible for the slaughter of more than 50 sled dogs in 2010 have been donated to a local not-for-profit organization.

The sled dogs were killed and buried in a mass grave when business slowed down after the 2010 games. News of the slaughter broke in the spring, sparking worldwide outrage.

Outdoor Adventures Whistler (OAW) has donated land leases, dogs, kennels and equipment to the newly created Sled Dog Foundation.

"This was the best thing to do for the sled dogs," said Kirby Brown, vice president of the OAW.

"It will have a positive effect on the dogs, the sled dog industry, and the community. It was the perfect fit for us."

The foundation, which will be independent from OAW, will generate funds for support programs and animal-welfare efforts.

Sled Dog Foundation spokesperson Sue Eckersley said the OAW's tainted reputation will not have an affect on the foundation.

"It's clear the foundation was created for the betterment and welfare of the sled dogs," she said.

Cancer-vaccine hopes get a boost

A donation from Genome B.C. is bringing Victoria researchers one step closer to developing a vaccine for ovarian cancer, said Brad Nelson, director of the B.C. Cancer Agency's Deeley Research Centre in Victoria.

Researchers at the centre are currently working to identify cancer-cell mutations in tissue and blood samples provided by 100 ovarian-cancer patients from around the province, and Genome B.C.'s financial injection will fund the next stage of immunological studies beginning January.

Unlike regular body tissues, cancers accumulate mutations as they grow.

"The mutations give insight into the changes driving cancer," said Nelson. "It's kind of like being able to open up a broken radio and see what went wrong."

The research team is working to find which of the common mutations found in ovarian cancer are the most recognizable by the body's immune system. The team will then develop a vaccine that helps the body recognize and destroy tumours containing these mutations.

Nelson was optimistic about the vaccine, saying it has already had "fantastic therapeutic results" curing breast cancer in mice.

"In principle we think this could be applied to any type of cancer," he said of the vaccine-development method.

The goal is to create a vaccine for ovarian cancer that's personalized to each patient, but also reasonably priced, said Nelson.

They're aiming for $20,000 to $30,000 per patient — a cost comparable to today's cancer treatments.

Nelson said he expects the vaccine to be in the clinical-trial stage in three to five years.

STEPHANIE ORFORD

Woman facing fraud charges

A 37-year-old Comox Valley woman is facing fraud charges over accusations she took government money for child-care facilities that no longer existed.

Victoria Ann Rutenberg faces three fraud-related charges involving payments of more than $350,000 she got from the B.C. Child Care Operating Fund, which is supposed to help licensed child-care providers with the cost of providing care.

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Taking a jab at cutting teachers' pay

The B.C. Public School Employers Association intends to make another attempt to cut teachers' salaries while the B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF) job action continues.

The association wants the Labour Relations Board (LRB) to reconsider its decision not to cut teacher's salaries by 15 per cent while the BCTF refuses administrative tasks.

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Utilities to jump in Vancouver

Homeowners in Vancouver can expect to pay nearly $100 more per year for sewer and water services.

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On the street

Outside the Bright Nights In Stanley Park, we asked kids, What is your favourite part of the holidays?

Tessa Brown
4, ABBOTSFORD

"My favourite part of Christmas is putting up the Christmas tree with my family. I like ballerina ornaments. They were going to be our presents, but I found them early while playing hide-and-go-seek. The ornaments will be placed on the tree early."

Naomi Isac
8, SURREY

"I'm looking forward to going skating at Cloverdale Arena with my family, friends and cousins. I like Christmas a lot. Last year, on Christmas Eve, we (my family) lay on a mattress in the living room and we slept on it all night. The whole family. We watched Christmas movies and talked about Christmas. It was really fun."

Floyd Bautista
9, RICHMOND

"I'm looking forward to spending time with my family and friends over Christmas. Play some games and eat."

Muhammed Abbas
9, RICHMOND

"I like to see a lot of decorations. I don't celebrate Christmas, but I like to see the lights with my parents. I like to play in the snow when it comes."

Sydney Fong
6, VANCOUVER

"My favourite thing about Christmas is Santa. We went to see him and got pictures, and I asked for Fijit Friends for Christmas. For Christmas, I like to celebrate it."

Chloe Cady
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"I'm really looking forward to waking up on the 25th and seeing the tree decorated in ornaments."

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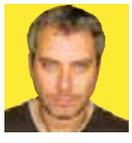
▶ Christopher MacCallum, 9, Ella Thompson, 6, and Annie MacCallum, 7, of West Vancouver ride the Bright Nights In Stanley Park miniature train on Sunday.

IN SEARCH OF SANTA CLAUS

GRAEME MCRANOR
METRO VANCOUVER



My relationship with Santa Claus has always been a wee bit rocky.

As evidenced by this faded photograph, my first in-person meeting with him didn't go well at all. (I am the fear-stricken one on the left.) Maybe that's why he never responded to any of my subsequent letters snail-mailed to the North Pole.

And what about all those wasted hours staring at the stars, trying to catch a glimpse of reindeer streaking across the sky? Back in those days, we didn't have tracking satellites. Let me tell you: Rudolph and the boys are elusive.

But I was patient.

Where's the best place to spot Santa? Sliding down the chimney, of course. And that's where I set up camp.

Then one year my parents thwarted the ongoing undercover operation by installing a gas fireplace.

GRAEME MCRANOR/CONTRIBUTED

▶ Graeme McRanor, left, meets Santa as a child.

Concerned that Santa's single-night circumnavigation of the world was already fraught with logistical challenges, I confronted my mom and asked her how she expected him to get down our chimney. She sat me down and explained Santa would easily find another way into the house.

She also used the opportunity to inform me that he'd requested we forgo the traditional cookies and milk in favour of a chilled glass of white wine.

Suspicious, I asked around the schoolyard if anyone else had heard about this last-minute change in preferred beverages. One of the older kids laughed and told me that Santa wasn't real; he was just something adults had made up to make kids behave better. (The irony of this conversation taking place in a Catholic school was lost on me at the time.)

Santa was a fake. I was crushed.

Fast-forward four decades to a couple of weeks ago and my three-year-old son's first visit with Santa.

Not surprisingly, he too was not particularly keen to sit on a fake-bearded, red-suited stranger's lap, and he begrudgingly acquiesced once my girlfriend Suzy agreed to sit on Santa and act as a human buffer zone. Santa did not seem to mind this arrangement at all.

Back in the car, my son sipped on a juice box and looked out at the heavy rain rolling down the windows.

"What does Santa drink when he's thirsty?" he asked.

"Guinness," I answered.

Hey, might as well set the bar early.

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▶ London, Suzy and Santa.

Reader tweets

What are some of your favourite holiday memories?

- **@Beckycaissie** @vancouvermetro my fav holiday memory is the look on my mom's face when my dad surprised her with some beautiful earrings 12 years ago.
- **@Carolinefair** @vancouvermetro Leaving milk and cookies out for Santa and carrots for the reindeer and waking up in the morning to everything half eaten!
- **@jessica_scotia** @vancouvermetro My favourite holiday memory...reading ALL of my mom's annual christmas letters. Starting from 1992.
- **@m_candy** @vancouvermetro when my bf bought me a new camera and went over our gift budget just so I don't have to use my taped up camera anymore :)

Holiday fun in the city

With shoppers scrambling for presents and excitement in the air, Metro takes a look at a sample of memory-making holiday activities in Vancouver

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Bright Nights In Stanley Park

Take a ride on the Stanley Park miniature railway as it steams through the forest lit with more than two million twinkling lights. There will be music, hot chocolate and popcorn. New this year is a North Pole with Santa and his elves. The event runs daily from 3 to 10 p.m. (11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday) until Jan. 2. Adults pay $9, youth and seniors $6. All proceeds go to the B.C. Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund.

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The Goh Ballet presents The Nutcracker

This classic holiday ballet about Clara's journey to the Kingdom of Sweets, the sugarplum fairy and the Nutcracker's battle with the mouse king comes to life at the hands of the Goh Ballet. Shows begin today and run daily at 7 p.m. until Sunday. Matinee performances at 2 p.m. run Saturday and Sunday. Tickets start at $28 through ticketmaster.ca.

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Ice skating at Robson Square

Enjoy some outdoor ice skating in the heart of the city. The public skating rink at Robson Square, which was brought back last year after a multi-year hiatus, is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily (11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday) until the end of February. Skating is free if you have your own skates but rental skates ($4) and helmets ($2) are available. There is also musical entertainment from 5 to 7 p.m. until Christmas Eve.

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Vancouver Christmas Market

Based on the tradition of the German Christmas market, this second annual event features handmade gifts, music and even a carousel set among 45 traditional wooden booths and Christmas trees. Enjoy raclette, baked apples and something called feuerzangenbowle. The market runs from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. until Dec. 23 and until 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

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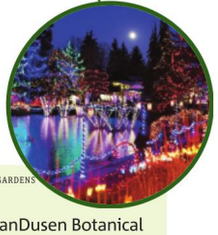

Festival of Lights

Take a stroll through the stunning VanDusen Botanical Gardens as they are transformed with millions of lights. The Festival of Lights features dancing lights around Livingstone Lake, gingerbread woods and a sparkling spruce in the centre court. Santa and elves are there until Dec. 24. The event runs from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. until Jan. 2, except Christmas when the gardens are closed. Adults pay $13.50, youths and seniors $10 and children $7.50. METRO

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Charles, Camilla to visit Canada

The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall will visit Canada next May as part of a year-long celebration leading up to the 60th anniversary of the Queen's coronation, the federal government announced yesterday.

Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, will tour New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan during the trip.

Earlier in London, Buckingham Palace announced that the couple will also visit Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trudeau apologizes after swearing at Kent

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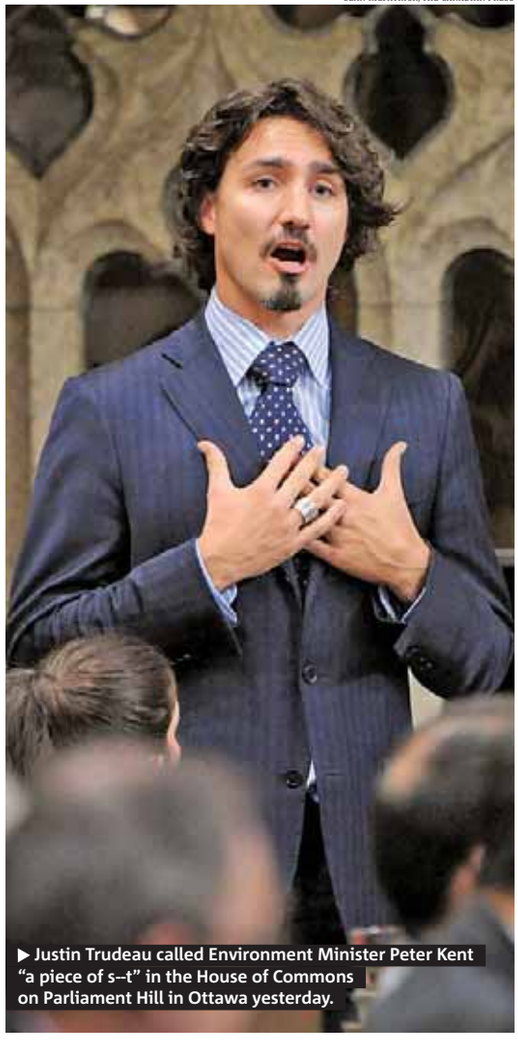

▶ Justin Trudeau called Environment Minister Peter Kent "a piece of s--t" in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

Unparliamentary language causes uproar in Commons

His father claimed to have only mouthed "fuddle duddle" during a heated Commons exchange, but a colourful outburst by Justin Trudeau during question period is leaving no room for confusion.

The Liberal MP was heard quite clearly to have called Environment Minister Peter Kent a "piece of s--t," causing a momentary uproar in the House yesterday.

Kent had just finished telling his NDP critic Megan Leslie that she was ill-informed about a recent climate-change conference because she hadn't attended. But the government had prevented opposition MPs from being part of the official Canadian delegation.

Following question period, Trudeau rose immediately to apologize.

"I lost my temper and used language that was most decidedly unparliamentary and for that I unreservedly apologize and withdraw my remarks," he said. Kent said he wasn't troubled by the language, but asked that Trudeau apologize to the House of Commons. New Democrat Ryan Creary also got into trouble over language after he called a cabinet minister a "bully."

Speaker Andrew Scheer suggested he withdraw the comment, but he refused.

"The minister of fisheries and oceans asked a question, he asked this House whether he looked like a bully," Creary said.

"I merely answered his question. I would answer his question the same way if he asked it again."

Scheer said that wasn't an acceptable retraction.

"The honourable member may have some difficulty getting recognized until he decides that he may want to respect the rules of the House," the Speaker warned.

Creary reconsidered: "I apologize and withdraw the remark." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Expletive

- **It has been a foul-mouthed** season on Parliament Hill.
- **New Democrat MP** Pat Martin recently used an expletive on Twitter when the government limited debate on its budget bill, and interim Liberal leader Bob Rae referred to "bulls--t" in response to a negative tweet by another Liberal.

Shopping, e-games: Your taxes at work

The Aboriginal Affairs Department called in an auditor after one of its managers went on a wild, taxpayer-funded shopping spree, new documents show. A bureaucrat in the Northwest Territories charged tens of thousands of dollars to government credit cards.

When the misbehaving manager got caught two and a half years into her splurge, she was nearly $40,000 in the hole.

"Her actions were not impulsive and/or compulsive. They have been found to be premeditated," says a briefing note to top officials.

"She took steps to cover up what she had taken as personal expenses. She crossed out her personal expenses from bills presented for signature to the director.

What she bought

Purchases included:

- **$4,000 on an online game** called Second Life.
- **A trip to Las Vegas** in February 2010, where the woman and her husband spent five nights at the Circus Circus hotel and casino at a cost of $2,000.
- **Purchases at Walmart,** Northern Fancy Meats and Staples.
- **Almost $100 for pizza.**
- **Cellphone and** cable bills.
- **On the long list of** expenses, only a $27 book on how to use PowerPoint was for work.

"She also stated to a security staff member that she 'knew she'd get caught, she just didn't think it would take them this long.'" THE CANADIAN PRESS

Astronomers release video of basketball-sized meteor

Astronomers from the University of Western Ontario have released rare video of a meteor that travelled through the evening sky east of Toronto earlier this week.

Although the bright fireball appeared near the peak of the annual Geminid meteor shower, astronomers say it's unrelated to that shower.

Six cameras belonging to Western's Southern Ontario Meteor Network captured the slow-moving fireball shortly after 6 p.m. on Monday.

The meteor — estimated to be no bigger than a basketball — was first spotted over Lake Erie then moved toward the north-northeast ending just south of the town of Selwyn, Ont.

Astronomers say it likely dropped small meteorites east of Selwyn near the eastern end of Upper Stony Lake.

Only about a dozen meteorite falls have had their orbits measured by cameras, and scientists say each new event adds significantly to the understanding of meteors.

Researchers at Western and the Royal Ontario Museum are interested in hearing from anyone who may have witnessed or recorded the event, or who may have found fragments of the freshly fallen meteorite. THE CANADIAN PRESS

To watch the video, scan the code or visit metronews.ca.

Male Jets fans want faster toilet facilities

Winnipeg's male hockey fans want a faster way to answer the call of nature.

They've started an online petition calling on the MTS Centre to replace the modern single urinals with old-fashioned troughs.

The petitioners say most of the 15,000 hockey fans at games are beer-drinking men who need the bathroom at least once.

They complain male fans have to spend too long in between hockey periods to pee and risk missing some of the action.

The fans say replacing urinals with a trough would mean 10 guys could relieve themselves at a time instead of just four.

At least one petitioner grumbled the current set-up means men are being forced to line up "forever" just like women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Shafia son ends day with hug request

After testifying on behalf of parents accused of murdering sisters, youth asks judge permission to hug parents

After a lengthy and withering cross-examination during which he was accused of conspiring with his family to fabricate alibis, a son of a couple accused of killing three of their daughters finished his court testimony by asking for a hug.

The son of the Montreal couple, who are accused along with their other son of committing so-called honour killings, testified this week for the defence at the Shafia family murder trial and was subject to more than a full day of cross-examination.

Crown attorney Gerard Laarhuis suggested that the son, who can't be named due to a court order, has lied to and manipulated authority figures in the past and may not have been telling the truth on the stand, saying his memory seems to be selectively improving to remember only details that help his parents and brother.

Tooba Yahya, 42, and her husband Mohammad Shafia, 58, are charged alongside their eldest son, Hamed, 20, with four counts of first-degree murder. They have each pleaded not guilty.

They're accused of killing sisters, Zainab, 19, Sahar, 17, and Geeti, 13, along with Rona Amir Mohammad, 52, Shafia's other wife in a polygamous marriage, over family honour.

At the end of the son's third day on the stand, defence lawyer Peter Kemp, who called the him to testify, re-examined him yesterday morning. Though much was suggested by Laarhuis, it was the son who raised a suggestion that he was involved in the actual deaths.

"You've been cross-examined quite extensively by Mr. Laarhuis with respect to a conspiracy or an agreement to fabricate evidence or make up evidence ... to help your parents and your brother," Kemp said. "What do you have to say about that?"

"That we helped in the murders, is that right?" the son said. He and the rest of his family maintain the deaths were an accident, a late-night joy ride turned tragic.

Moments later, after the judge told him he could step down, the son turned to Judge Robert Maranger and asked if he could have permission to hug his parents goodbye.

Laarhuis referenced ongoing discussions about the matter, and said, "Now's not the time," causing the mother to burst into tears in the prisoner's box.

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Shafia trial

- **When the son took the stand** this week it was the first time he had seen his parents and brother since the surviving Shafia children were removed from the home by child protection authorities the day before the arrests.

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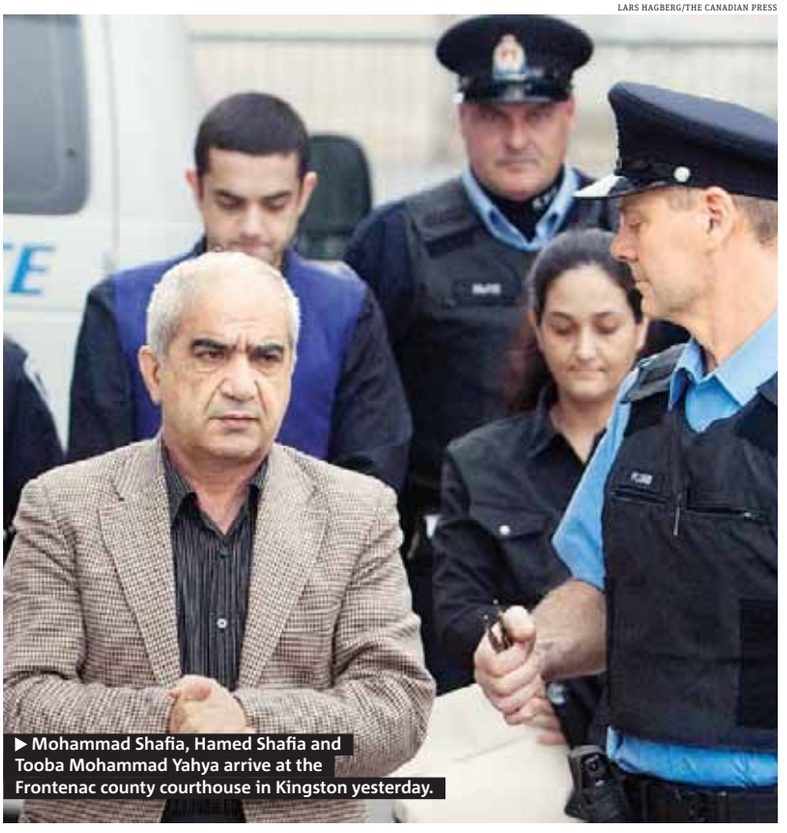

▶ Mohammad Shafia, Hamed Shafia and Tooba Mohammad Yahya arrive at the Frontenac county courthouse in Kingston yesterday.

News in brief

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▶ A surviving grebe.

Birds drown in parking lot

CRASH LANDING. Thousands of birds died on impact after apparently mistaking a Walmart parking lot and areas of southern Utah for bodies of water and plummeting to the ground in what one wildlife expert called the worst downing she's ever seen.

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Google works to end slavery

RECORD GRANT. Tech giant Google announced yesterday it is donating $11.5 million to several coalitions fighting to end the modern-day slavery of some 27 million people around the world.

It is believed to be the largest-ever corporate grant devoted to the advocacy, intervention and rescue of people being held, forced to work or provide sex against their will. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Freak accident kills woman

DEATH BY DRAGGING. A woman was killed in a freak elevator mishap yesterday around 10 a.m. in a 26-storey office tower near Grand Central Terminal. The woman was stepping onto the elevator on the first floor when either her foot or leg became caught in the closing doors. The car then rose abruptly, dragging her body into the shaft and killing her, officials said.

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Police shave, arrest rocker punks to teach lesson

Muslim hardliners cut off mohawks of rock fans to enforce moral values Police crack down on 'disgusting' lifestyle

Police in Indonesia's most conservative province raided a punk-rock concert and detained dozens of fans, buzzing off their spiky mohawks and stripping away body piercings because of the perceived threat to Islamic values.

Dog-collar necklaces and chains were taken from the youths before they were thrown in pools of water for "spiritual" cleansing, local police Chief Iskandar Hasan said yesterday.

After replacing their "disgusting" clothes, he handed each a toothbrush and barked "use it."

The crackdown marked the latest effort by authorities and officials to promote strict moral values in Aceh, the only province in this secular but predominantly Muslim nation of 240 million to have imposed Islamic laws.

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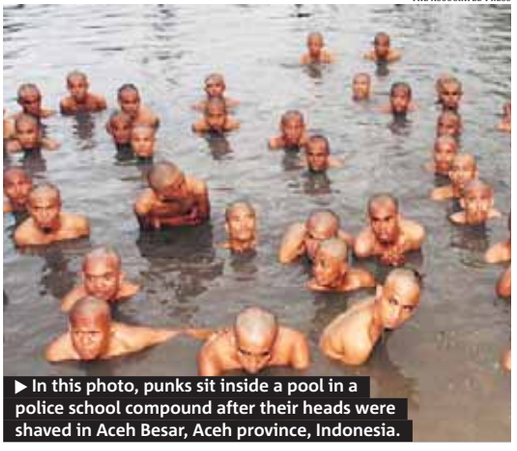

▶ In this photo, punks sit inside a pool in a police school compound after their heads were shaved in Aceh Besar, Aceh province, Indonesia.

Police story

- **Baton-wielding police** scattered fans, many of whom had travelled from other parts of the sprawling archipelagic nation to attend the show.
- **Police said** 59 young men and five women were loaded into vans and brought to a police detention centre.
- **They would spend** 10 days getting rehabilitation, training in military-style discipline and religious classes, including Qur'an recitation, police officials said. Afterward, they'll be sent home.
- **While the men's heads were shaved**, the women, some in tears, were given short, blunt bobs.

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Belgians grieve after bloodbath

Government pledges to toughen gun law, put stricter controls on multiple offenders on conditional release

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▶ People leave tributes at the site of Tuesday's gun and grenade attack in central Liege, Belgium, yesterday.

A card at a memorial to the victims asked the question haunting all of Belgium: "Why?"

Why did Nordine Amrani, a 33-year-old with a history of lawbreaking, sweep into this city's holiday shopping centre to unleash a grenade-and-gun rampage that killed three people and wounded 123 others? Why did he then kill himself?

Deepening the mystery, police announced yesterday that another body had been found, that of a 45-year-old woman, in a shed where Amrani grew cannabis close to his home.

Liege prosecutor Daniele Reynders said, after searches of Amrani's house, terrorism could be excluded.

"It was a cleaning lady. This is how she met him yesterday morning," she said. "She dies, shot with a bullet in the head."

"We are all Liegeois, united in suffering.... This was an act of a sick man."
ADELIE MIGUEL, 48, WHO PLACED A BOUQUET OF WHITE TULIPS AGAINST THE SHATTERED BUS STOP

The Ferris Wheel at Liege's Christmas market started turning again yesterday, hoping to restore some festive cheer, but the mood remained black as the coal that once drove this rust-belt city in eastern Belgium.

"The crowds won't show up," said Francoise Robert, a vendor selling miniature castles and Christmas items. "People are scared."

The victims included a one-year-old toddler and two teenage boys, both students.

Five others are reported in critical condition.

Beyond the dead and injured, Reynders said 40 other people had to be treated for psychological trauma.

Amrani's lawyer said his client had been particularly scared over the last few days that he would be jailed again. It is unclear, however, if this was the tipping point.

"He was extremely nervous," Jeann-Francois Dister told VRT network. "He was impulsive but what he did was unbelievable."

Even though he still had more grenades and more rounds of ammunition with him, Amrani turned a gun on himself and shot himself in the face.

In Liege, a melting pot of immigrant communities whose members worked the blast furnaces and coal mines here for decades, some people feared a backlash: Amrani had a foreign heritage, even if he was Belgian-born. In Belgium, racial stereotypes tend to surface quickly when crime is involved.

"This man? I didn't know him. I just know that he is a Moroccan," said Amrani's neighbour Wihelmina Schwartz.

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Witches detained for blackmail

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▶ In this Jan. 5 photo, Romanian witch Mihaela Minca holds cards during an interview in Mogosoaia, Romania.

Two self-professed witches were detained in Romania on blackmail and extortion charges yesterday in a high-profile case involving a TV star and reportedly other public figures.

Police spokesman Christian Ciocan said the two women — who go by the single names of Melissa and Vanessa — approached public figures promising to help them overcome work or love difficulties, and help them break curses.

He said the women initially charged very little, but then, as their victims became hooked on their services, increased their prices.

Ciocan cited one case where the victim — who later publicly identified herself as TV personality Oana Zavoranu — handed over €450,000 ($606,651 US) in cash and property in exchange for spells.

He said the witches practiced voodoo, and sacrificed animals in graveyards and near rivers, claiming this would protect Zavoranu from her mother and in-laws who had put a curse on her.

The witches, however, claim Zavoranu is being vengeful because she asked them to cast a spell on her mother that would kill her, but the mother is still alive.

The ex-wife of businessman Cristi Borcea, one of two owners of Romanian football team Dinamo Bucharest, was also cited as a victim, but she has neither confirmed or denied the case.

Ciocan said if the victims tried to cease payment, the two women would threaten to put a spell on them, or disclose details of their personal lives.

Melissa and Vanessa were released yesterday, following a court ruling that they should not be detained awaiting trial.

The decision can be appealed.

Many people believe in witchcraft in Romania. President Traian Basescu and his aides have been known to wear purple on certain days, supposedly to ward off evil.

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One in four women abused in U.S.

One in four U.S. women say they have been hit hard, kicked or otherwise violently attacked by their intimate partners, according to a government survey released yesterday that offers startling findings about domestic violence.

The new national look at how many women say they've been abused offers some numbers that are higher than previous reports.

One expert called the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's report's estimate on rape and attempted rape "extremely high" — with one in five women saying they were victims. About half of those cases involved intimate partners. But advocates say rape has been vastly underreported in the past and the new numbers are plausible.

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Violence

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report is based on a randomized telephone survey of 9,000 women.

- **As many as 29 million** women say they have suffered severe and frightening physical violence from a boyfriend, spouse or other intimate partner. That includes being choked, beaten, stabbed, shot, punched, slammed against something or hurt by hair-pulling.
- **That number grows to** 36 million if slapping, pushing and shoving are also counted.
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Politician caught in donor scandal

U.S. anti-gay-marriage conservative impregnated at least three lesbian women through sperm donations

The secret online sperm-donor account of a conservative, Christian, anti-gay-marriage politician has been closed, but the fallout continues from exposure of his double life.

Bill Johnson, a 2009 candidate for governor of Alabama in the United States, impregnated at least three lesbian women with his donated sperm in New Zealand and helped three more, the New Zealand Herald revealed after a lengthy investigation.

Johnson, confronted with the evidence, admitted to the newspaper his desire to father children is "a need I have."

Johnson has been married since 2004 to two-time Mrs. America finalist, Kathy Johnson. The couple have a website documenting their careers and marriage. Kathy Johnson has three children from a previous marriage and had a hysterectomy 10 years ago, he told the newspaper.

"He knows I am shocked and deeply hurt and even angry. I didn't know about these women," Kathy Johnson told the newspaper. I wonder if they knew he has a wife back home who cherishes our marriage."

Johnson's account was cancelled on Friday but his correspondence remained on the site.

He told one lesbian couple, "I am in Christchurch and would be glad to try to help." To a young mother who wanted another child and "possible co-parenting," he asked: "Where are you located?"

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Double life

- **The Herald** talked to some of the women who received Johnson's donated sperm. One called him a "Godsend" because lesbian women often find it difficult to find sperm donors online.
- **Johnson told** the Herald the story would make it difficult for him to stay in New Zealand, where he works on earthquake repair as long-term recovery manager for Ceres NZ.
- **He intended** to support the women who delivered children he'd fathered and wanted to be involved in their upbringing, he told the Herald.

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▶ Bill Johnson, right, is pictured during his 2009 campaign for governor of Alabama. He impregnated three lesbian women with his donated sperm, and helped three more.

Students stand up to bullying

Thousands of students from Canada's largest and most diverse school board vowed yesterday to take a stand against bullying as educators grapple with what they consider a pervasive and potentially deadly problem.

Roughly 9,000 Toronto-area children from Grade 2 to Grade 8 packed into Ricoh Coliseum and publicly pledged to "make it better right now" for those targeted by bullies.

"It's a huge issue that impacts every school throughout the whole district," said Chris Spence, director of education for the Toronto District School Board.

The campaign follows a number of suicides by children and teens who were bullied. The deaths have brought the issue of bullying into the spotlight and the Ontario government has recently introduced anti-bullying legislation.

The bill would require that schools take action to prevent bullying, intervene when appropriate and punish offenders.

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Fraternity suspended over survey

A University of Vermont fraternity has been suspended while officials investigate allegations that it circulated a survey that asked members who they would like to rape.

Members of the Vermont chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon would not discuss the allegations.

University officials say the survey question was "incredibly offensive and inappropriate."

They are investigating where the survey came from, who saw it and how it was used.

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Booze kills at least 80 in India

A tainted batch of bootleg liquor killed at least 80 people and sent dozens more to the hospital in villages outside the eastern Indian city of Kolkata, officials said.

Day labourers and other poor workers began falling ill late Tuesday after drinking the brew that was laced with the toxic methanol around the village of Sangrampur. Police arrested four people in connection with making and distributing the toxic booze, said police official Surajit Kar Purkayastha.

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News in brief

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▶ Paul Laplante

Mayor charged in murder

A former small-town mayor, whose wife went missing nearly four years ago, was charged yesterday with murdering her.

An emotionless Paul Laplante stood before a judge near Montreal and was charged with first-degree murder in the death of his wife, Diane Gregoire.

Yesterday's court appearance came 47 months after Laplante reported Gregoire missing. Laplante, 54, has been ordered to remain in custody and is forbidden from talking to the couple's two adult children.

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Pilot jailed for espionage

A Dutch court has sentenced a former F-16 pilot to five years in prison for trying to sell confidential documents to the Russian government for €500,000 ($670,000 US).

The district court in The Hague said the man had taken preparatory steps, including collecting information and contacting the Russian Embassy.

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Priest charged in sex offences

News that a Roman Catholic priest has been charged in western Newfoundland with dozens of sex-related offences over two decades shook the church yesterday.

Rev. George Ansel Smith appeared in provincial court in Corner Brook in connection with alleged incidents between 1969 and 1989. He faces 38 charges including several counts of gross indecency and sexual assault.

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News in brief

Toyota Venza on top for theft

CAR CRIME. Bad news for Toyota Venza owners — the 2009 edition of the crossover SUV is the new hot target for Canadian car thieves.

The model tops the Insurance Bureau of Canada's top 10 most frequently stolen vehicles. It replaces the 2000 Honda Civic SiR, last year's No. 1 stolen vehicle, which has dropped to third place.

In at second is the 1999 Honda Civic SiR two-door, while the 2006 Ford F350 Pickup Truck 4WD takes fourth place and the 2002 Cadillac Escalade EXT four-door AWD is in fifth.

The ICC says vehicles are often targeted by criminal organizations that strip or resell them to unsuspecting consumers.

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Canadians watch more online

VIDEOS. The average Canadian Internet user spends about an hour watching 10 videos online a day, according to digital measurement firm comScore. ComScore named Canadians as the most avid viewers of online video again, with users aged 15 and older watching an average of 303.7 videos in October.

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WestJet links with Japan Airlines

AIRLINES. WestJet Airlines Ltd. has signed an interline deal with Japan Airlines making it easier for passengers to connect between the two airlines. Travellers will link from Japan Airlines flights landing in Vancouver, and then connect to WestJet flights.

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Mobile banking ready to rise

Nearly 3 million Canadians are checking balances via their phones

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▶ A smartphone user tracks mortgage payments with an online banking app from CIBC.

Most Canadians still aren't pulling out their phones to check their bank account balances and pay bills but experts and users alike expect a whole lot more will be doing so in 2012.

"We definitely see there's been humongous growth on the banking front on the phone platform," says Bryan Segal, vice-president of the digital measurement firm comScore.

Canadians are among the world's leaders when it comes to embracing online and mobile banking, according to comScore. Last year, Canada ranked as the top country for online banking usage, with almost 65 per cent of our Internet users going on the web each month to check their accounts.

More recently, comScore estimated there were about 13.3 million Canadians regularly doing online banking, compared to 63.6 million in the U.S.

Market moment

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Segal says about 13 per cent of Canada's mobile users access their banking on their phone on a monthly basis, which is roughly on par with the U.S. market and ahead of the European Union.

TD Bank and RBC had the biggest chunk of the market, with 26.7 per cent and 25.7 per cent of mobile banking users, followed by CIBC with 17 per cent, Scotiabank with 13.2 per cent and ING Direct with 9.8 per cent.

According to a Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association survey, the biggest reason users are avoiding mobile banking is security. About 52 per cent said they had security-related concerns, while 24 per cent said they simply found online banking easier.

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Canadians cushioned for the gift-giving season: TD survey

TD Canada Trust says Canadians have built up something of a financial cushion going into the holiday season.

This TD attributes to a penchant for putting extra dollars aside.

The bank says a recent survey suggests 53 per cent were setting aside at least 10 per cent of each paycheque as the season began.

And the bank says even more — almost 60 per cent — are planning to build their nest eggs in the new year.

TD suggests Canadians plan to pay themselves first before paying off monthly expenses, even if it's only a small amount.

It also suggests people make sure they are living within their means and not overspending on non-essential items.

Top Canadian financial officials have been warning for months that households are building up too much debt.

This is thanks in part to low interest rates.

Statistics Canada reported Tuesday that people keep taking on more debt even as they get poorer.

The agency says average household debt in Canada hit a new record high of almost 153 per cent to disposable income in the third quarter.

This is a sizable jump from 150.7 per cent in the previous quarter.

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Email considered key in hacking scandal

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▶ Chairman of News Corporation Rupert Murdoch, left, and the now-former chief executive of News International, Rebekah Brooks, leave his residence in central London on July 10.

A former top lawyer for Rupert Murdoch's British newspapers insisted yesterday that he told the mogul's son there was evidence of widespread phone hacking more than three years before the scandal erupted.

Tom Crone questioned claims made by James Murdoch — chairman of News International, the British arm of his father's media empire — that he had not been informed that hacking was rife.

For many months, News International insisted the illegal accessing of the cellphone voice messages of celebrities and crime victims was confined to reporter Clive Goodman who, along with private investigator Glenn Mulcaire, was jailed in 2007.

But in July the company closed the tabloid, amid public outrage over the disclosure that reporters had hacked the phone of a missing schoolgirl, Milly Dowler, who was later found murdered.

"What was relayed to Mr. Murdoch was that (the email) clearly was direct and hard evidence of that (hacking) being the case."

TOM CRONE, FORMER TOP LAWYER FOR RUPERT MURDOCH'S BRITISH NEWSPAPERS

Crone told Britain's media inquiry he was "pretty sure" that, he showed Murdoch a printed email in June 2008 that included transcripts of illegally intercepted voice mail messages.

The document is considered a key piece of evidence in proving that News International had attempted to hide the extent of the scandal. Crone's evidence marks the strongest challenge yet to the testimony of 39-year-old Murdoch to lawmakers.

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IGNORING KYOTO, ONE LESS COUNTRY AT A TIME

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

I, for one, was inspired by the Kyoto Protocol, which ushered in a bold new era in which countries throughout the world put aside their differences and worked together to ignore the Kyoto Protocol.

It's rare you see that kind of teamwork outside of arms deals.

The Conservatives pulled Canada out of Kyoto this week, and it would be easy to mock them (fun, too), but this is a failure we all share in.

When the Kyoto deal was signed in 1997, we talked about the deal as if something really exceptional had happened that would unite humanity — like the end of nuclear weapons or a Saved by the Bell reunion special.

"Global warming is too slow, too subtle for humans. Us rats, we don't understand risk-reward if the electric shock comes decades later."

We were breathlessly told that we'd be able to breathe again, all thanks to 160 signatories sending the amount of greenhouse gases back to the halcyon days of the 1980s.

The U.S., showing its usual world leadership, got the failure started when George W. Bush said the protocol was "economically irresponsible" — a description that looked a little short-sighted when New Orleans did its imitation of the SpongeBob SquarePants mise-en-scène.

At the time, Canada took its usual official diplomatic position toward the U.S. of being smug. According to WikiLeaks, Paul Martin's official cable to the U.S. was "Tsk, tsk, tsk." Canada's greenhouse-gas record was as bad as America's but we left that part out, as one does.

Some blame goes to the accord's writers, too: We should have known Kyoto was doomed as soon as we heard there were environmental "credits" that could be used to offset actually helping the environment — a sort of frequent-polluter points card. Getting out of pollution standards because you are planting trees, say, seems to me like getting out of a speeding ticket in the morning because you plan to drive under the speed limit in the afternoon.

Finally, of course, there's you. Did you do anything worthy of an environmental award since 1997? Recycling and composting only gets you a Certificate of Attendance.

Global warming is too slow, too subtle for humans. Us rats, we don't understand risk-reward if the electric shock comes decades later.

I'm still hopeful. Everyone seems to value the environment, even if they weren't on board for Kyoto. One-hundred-and-sixty countries failed in Japan, but it could be different now. If we really believe, we could get 190, maybe 200 countries on the road to probable failure this time. When it comes to world diplomacy, this is progress.

(Deep breaths, everyone. Deep breaths.)

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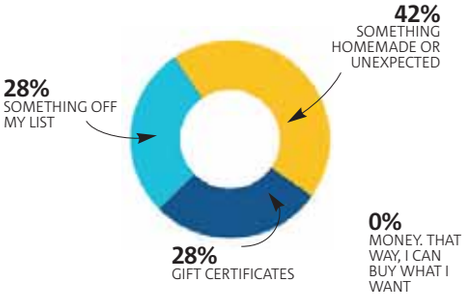

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All quiet on the Baghdad front

U.S. leaving Iraq via Kuwait route

KUWAIT. U.S. army soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division walk to a waiting bus as they leave customs for a ride to the airport to fly back to Fort Hood, Texas. They exited Iraq yesterday at Camp Virginia in Kuwait City. President Obama is meeting Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to ceremonially mark the end of the war.

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BARACK OBAMA TOLD CHEERING TROOPS AT FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

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You can stop dreaming

A White Christmas: The Musical is here in Vancouver Get in the holiday spirit with show

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Todd Talbot, left, Monique Lund, Jeffrey Victor, and Sara-Jeanne Hosie in the Arts Club Theatre Company's production of White Christmas.

BACKSTAGE PASS

GRAEME MCRANOR
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If you're dreaming of a white Christmas, you might have to hit up the Arts Club musical over the holidays to make it a reality.

Yes, it doesn't snow all that often here on the wet coast, but the forecast does call for a dusting of familiar fare, thanks to White Christmas: The Musical.

Oh, sure, Irving Berlin wrote the now-famous song White Christmas while sitting poolside at an Arizona Resort in 1940, but he knew he had a hit right away: "Grab your pen and take down this song," he reportedly told his musical secretary at the time.

"I just wrote the best song I've ever written — hell, I just wrote the best song that anybody's ever written!"

Berlin knew when he had a hit.

Then again, that's really all he ever wrote.

The list of artists who have performed White Christmas is staggering: Bing Crosby, Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Boney M, Bob Marley and the Wailers, Lady Gaga — the list goes on and on.

The Guinness Book of World Records has it listed as the world's biggest-selling single of all time.

Of course, there's more to this production than its title tune.

"The stage adaptation of the film musical has more of Berlin's favourites, and the production has moved beyond the confines of a film, exploding on stage with a versatile cast that sings beautifully and tap-dances furiously," says Arts Club artistic managing director Bill Millerd.

"This show captures the timeless yearning during the holidays to be with those that you cherish."

White Christmas: The Musical runs until Dec. 28 at the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage (2750 Granville St.).

Tickets $29 to $85 at ArtsClub.com or 604-687-1644.

Other events

Another Prince has arrived this holiday season.

Concert We are gathered here together, to watch this man called Prince. He's performing tomorrow night at Rogers Arena. Tickets ($25-$225) still remaining at LiveNation.com.

Oscar

The Academy Award Orson Welles won for writing the classic film Citizen Kane will be sold to the highest bidder. Auctioneer Nate D. Sanders plans to sell the Oscar statuette on Dec. 20.

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Saving victims to biting them

Chris Meloni, who ended 12-year run on Law & Order, will join HBO's drama True Blood

GETTY IMAGES

Chris Meloni

HBO says Law and Order veteran Chris Meloni will be sinking his teeth into a role on vampire drama True Blood.

The network confirmed yesterday that Meloni will be joining the popular series as an ancient, powerful vampire who controls the fate of the show's major characters.

The series' fifth season is expected to air next summer. Its stars include Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer.

Meloni recently ended a 12-year run on NBC's Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, where he played Detective Elliot Stabler.

Before that, the 50-year-old actor was a regular as a bisexual inmate on HBO's gritty prison drama, Oz.

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Downey meets his match as 'Holmes' sequel resurrects grandad of super-villains Moriarty

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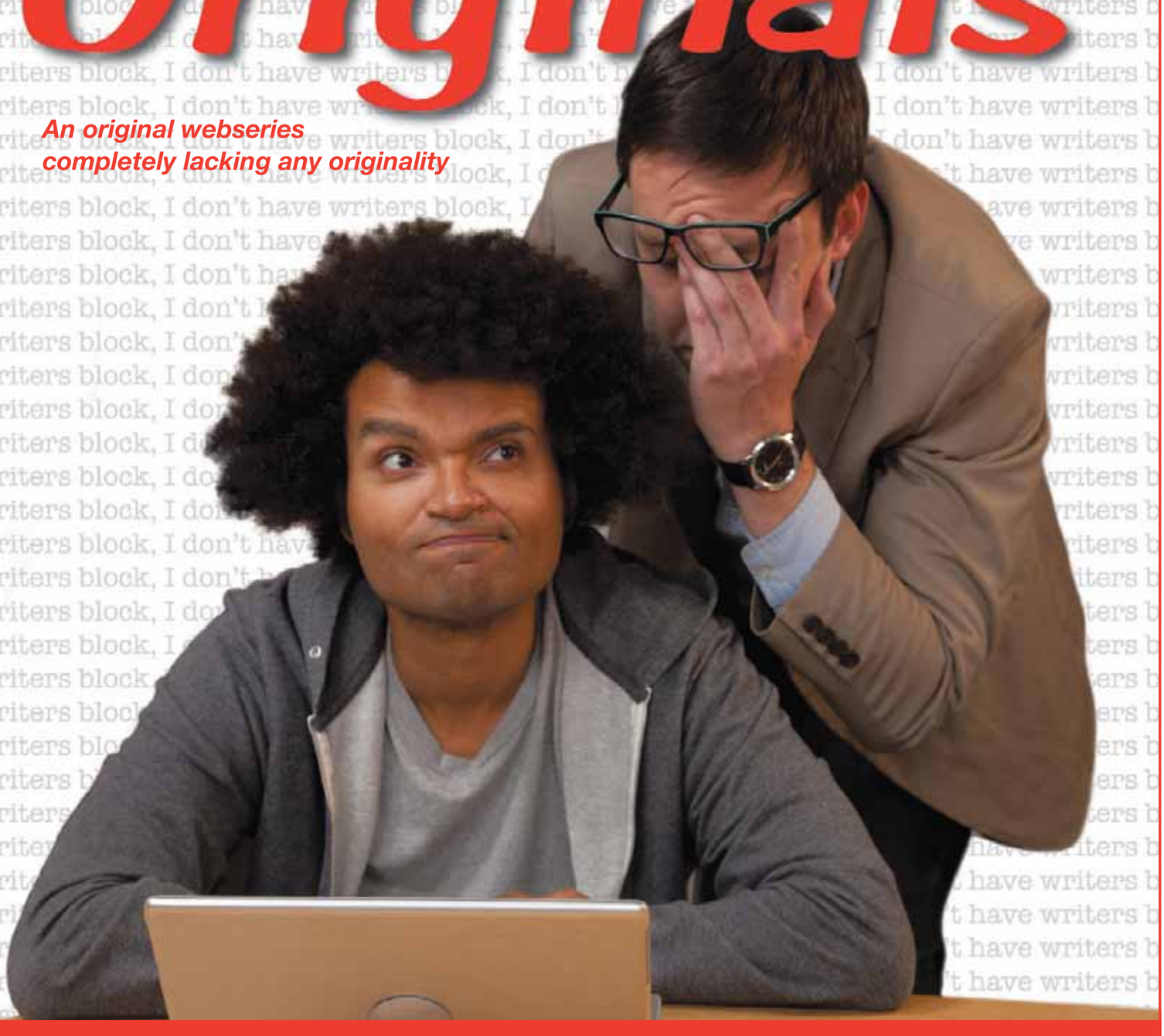

In today's episode..."Can't Live Without 'Em"

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Survivor champ 'hatches' new scheme

Fresh out of prison, Richard Hatch eyes TV series about his relationship with his sperm donation children

Reality star Richard Hatch, who was freed this week from prison on a tax evasion sentence tied to his $1 million Survivor winnings, said Tuesday that he is hoping for a new reality show about his relationship with the children conceived from his sperm donations.

Hatch, 50, was released Monday from prison for violating the terms of his supervised release in the long-running case. Hatch maintains his innocence and says he does not owe money to the Internal Revenue Service.

"Here I am, subjected to something that can only be described as institutionalized bullying," said Hatch, who spent nine months in prisons in five states.

Hatch won the inaugural season of the show in 2000. He was convicted in 2006 of two counts of attempted tax evasion and one count of signing a false tax return.

He was released from prison in 2009 but ordered to return after a federal judge ruled he failed to file amended income tax returns for 2000 and 2001.

Shortly before returning to prison in March, Hatch, who lives in Rhode Island, said he met a 22-year-old biological son who is living in New Jersey. Hatch said he met the man, whom he identified only as Devin, through the Sibling Donor Registry, which helps connect donors and children. They took a DNA test to confirm their genetic ties, he said.

Hatch said another biological child, whom he identified as a 22-year-old Maine woman named Emily, visited him in prison.

"It was additionally challenging to be wrongfully imprisoned knowing that these children were coming forward," Hatch said. "I told the court that beforehand. I explained this is a fascinating time in my life when I was at a place where I wanted to get to know these people who are my children who have come forward and want to get to know me."

He also views the show as a way to help the public understand the relationships between offspring and donors.

"The offspring want connections with their biological donors because of all kinds of varying reasons from health to emotional to whatever they are," said Hatch.

Hatch said a production company was involved in plans for a TV series about his encounters with his children but that no plans have been finalized. He declined to name the production company.

Hatch also has an adopted son, who attends the University of Rhode Island.

Hatch's discovery is one of the most interesting encountered by Wendy Kramer, executive director and co-founder of the Sibling Donor Registry. Kramer said she's known Hatch for years and that they have discussed working on a television project together.

Hatch said he has no regrets about participating in Survivor and would like to compete in The Amazing Race, which also airs on CBS.

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Terms of release

- Hatch remains on supervised release for the next two years and two months. Under the terms of his release, Hatch must pay 25 per cent of his gross income to the IRS to pay off his taxes for 2000 and 2001, court records show. He also cannot leave the country without court permission.

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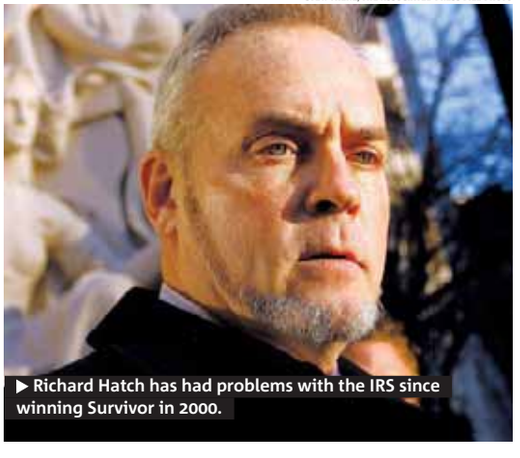

▶ Richard Hatch has had problems with the IRS since winning Survivor in 2000.

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Hawaii Five-O crew in hot water

Pearl Harbor survivors say they felt disrespected by crew at veterans cemetery during anniversary ceremony

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▶ Hawaii Five-O's filming at Honolulu's National Memorial Cemetery has upset some Pearl Harbor survivors.

A group of Pearl Harbor survivors say they were disrespected by the crew of the CBS crime drama Hawaii Five-O during a visit to Honolulu's National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

The Denver-based Greatest Generations Foundation took 23 veterans to the Punchbowl cemetery last week to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. The veterans found it offensive that the crew members didn't stop production while the national anthem and taps were played and that they were walking on graves, said Steffan Tubbs, a foundation board member and co-host of KOA-AM's morning news show in Denver.

Tubbs visited the cemetery with the group, which conducted a small ceremony there.

The crew was filming a scene involving a lead character visiting his father's grave, "which in reality was surrounded by the real graves of (Second World War) heroes," Tubbs said Tuesday. "It didn't seem right."

Cemetery director Gene Castagnetti said the filming was approved beforehand. He added walking on graves is unavoidable and not considered disrespectful if done carefully.

It came as a surprise that the veterans would be laying roses during their ceremony, taking them to locations in the cemetery where the crew was filming, Castagnetti told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser.

While payment is not required for filming at the cemetery, Hawaii Five-O donated $1,000, KHON-TV reported. The show has filmed there several times previously.

"We were surprised to hear this report and are looking into the matter," CBS said in a statement. "Our veterans deserve the highest level of respect and reverence for their service, particularly during a ceremony honouring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice."

The show's executive producer Peter Lenkov apologized in a statement posted online to Hawaii News Now.

"On behalf of the Hawaii Five-O production unit, we'd like to apologize to any veterans and members of the Greatest Generation Foundation whom we unintentionally offended when our events coincided," he said. "Contrary to some reports, to show respect, our crew did cease production for the playing of the national anthem, taps and for the remainder of the ceremony."

Any rudeness can be "attributed to haste to finish our work," the statement said.

Hawaii Five-O stars Alex O'Loughlin and Scott Caan. It regularly airs on Monday nights.

The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific is the resting place for some 34,000 veterans of the First World War, the Second World War and the wars in Korea and Vietnam.

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▶ Presenter Judy Greer, right, smiles alongside fellow presenter Regina King as her The Descendants castmate George Clooney is nominated for a Screen Actors Guild Award yesterday.

Let the road to the Oscars begin

◗ The Help leads Screen Actors honours with 4 noms
◗ Clooney, Streep among lead-acting nominees

The Deep South drama The Help cleaned up with four nominations yesterday for the Screen Actors Guild Awards, among them honours for Viola Davis, Jessica Chastain and Octavia Spencer.

The adaptation of the bestselling novel also was nominated for best ensemble cast, along with the silent film The Artist, the wedding comedy Bridesmaids, the family drama The Descendants and the romantic fantasy Midnight in Paris.

The nominations are among the first major honours on the long road to the Feb. 26 Academy Awards. The SAG list of contenders and Golden Globe nominees that will be announced today help sort out favourites from also-rans for Oscar voters, whose nominations come out Jan. 24.

Davis is up for best actress and Spencer for supporting actress as black maids who agree to share stories of their tough lives with an aspiring white writer at the start of the civil-rights movement in 1960s Mississippi. Chastain also was nominated for supporting actress as Spencer's lonely, needy new boss.

The Artist ran second with three nominations, including a best-actor honour for Jean Dujardin as a silent star falling from grace amid the advent of talking pictures and supporting actress for Berenice Bejo, who plays a rising sound-era movie star.

Along with Davis, best-actress contenders are Glenn Close as a woman disguising herself as a male butler in 19th-century Ireland in Albert Nobbs; Meryl Streep as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in The Iron Lady; Tilda Swinton as a grief-stricken woman coping with her son's horrible deeds in We Need to Talk About Kevin; and Michelle Williams as Marilyn Monroe in My Week With Marilyn.

Joining Dujardin in the best-actor category are Demian Bichir as a hard-working illegal immigrant father in A Better Life; George Clooney as a neglectful dad tending his two daughters in The Descendants; Leonardo DiCaprio as FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover in J. Edgar; and Brad Pitt as Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane in Moneyball.

Albert Nobbs star Close was a double nominee, picking up a best-actress honour for a TV drama series for Damages.

Close's co-star Janet McTeer was nominated for supporting actress as a cross-dressing labourer in Albert Nobbs.

Several Oscar best-picture prospects will sit out the SAG ceremony, including Steven Spielberg's War Horse and Martin Scorsese's Hugo, but those are epic tales whose impact comes more from their scope than their performances.

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SAG denials

- Overlooked for best actor was Gary Oldman, whose performance in the espionage saga Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy has been billed by critics as one of the best in his career.
- Also snubbed was Michael Fassbender for his daring role in the sex-addict drama Shame and Ryan Gosling for two acclaimed performances in the action tale Drive and the political drama The Ides of March.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Seasons Greetings: A Jersey Boys Christmas features a synth-pop version of Angels From the Realms of Glory, among other holiday classics. The New York cast members are pictured here.

A very Jersey Christmas

Creators of Broadway musical Jersey Boys shake things up with a CD of holiday songs

For the Broadway fan on your Christmas list, why not consider a little touch of Jersey?

Cast members from various Jersey Boys productions across the country have recorded a selection of Christmas classics in the style of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.

The eclectic CD ranges from the spiritual Rise Up, Shepherd, to a doo-wop version of White Christmas, to a synth-pop version of Angels From the Realms of Glory to a medley of Santa songs with those signature Jersey Boys harmonies.

"It's probably not going to be what some fans expect," said Bob Gaudio, a founding member of The Four Seasons and the group's principal songwriter. "It's not all Jingle Bell Rock. But that's why it's fun."

The album — Seasons Greetings: A Jersey Boys Christmas from Rhino Entertainment — is one of a crop of new CDs out this season with a Broadway connection, including cast albums from Elf, Follies, Anything Goes and Godspell.

Recording the Jersey Boys holiday album was a logistical puzzle since it combines performances from six stars in the various show casts — Joseph Leo Bwarie from the U.S. national tour, Travis Cloer and Rick Faugno from the Las Vegas cast, Bobby Fox from the Australia show, Ryan Molloy from the London cast and Jarrod Spector, currently on Broadway.

John Lloyd Young, who won the 2006 Tony Award in the original Broadway production, also sings a few songs. Most of the performers had to record their portion in a single day after flying to a recording studio in Nashville, Tenn.

The CD is a clever way to further the reach of a franchise whose staying power continues to wow even its creators more than six years after debuting on Broadway. A second U.S. national tour has begun and a new production starts up in New Zealand in April. A holiday CD is a logical extension.

"It's one of those privileges that comes to shows that have these kinds of rare runs," said Michael David, a Jersey Boys producer. "You can think beyond how are we going next week and begin to think of a future that's longer than the traditional tenure of Broadway shows."

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Background

- The musical Jersey Boys, which opened in 2005 at the August Wilson Theatre, tells the story of the band — Bob Gaudio, Frankie Valli, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi — and features 20 Four Seasons songs, including Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, Can't Take My Eyes Off You and Oh, What a Night.
- It won the Tony for best musical, a Grammy Award for best cast album and has been seen by over 13 million people across the world and grossed over $1 billion worldwide. Plans are in the works for a movie to be made of the musical.

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‘We both actually cried while writing the song’

Lambert and husband bond over emotional tribute song they co-wrote

Miranda Lambert is paying tribute to husband Blake Shelton’s late brother with her new single, Over You.

Richie Shelton died in a car accident in 1990. The newlyweds wrote the song together about a year ago, and Lambert recorded it for her latest album Four the Record. It is the second single released from the album.

The song idea started on a tour bus as they were flipping through TV channels.

Shelton’s Backstory happened to be re-airing on Great American Country (GAC), and it was at the part where his dad was talking about his brother’s fatal crash. His father said: “You don’t ever get over something like that. You just get used to it.”

The couple turned the TV off and started talking.

“Miranda never had a chance to meet my brother,” Shelton said recently. “I was just a teenager when that happened. So I was telling her about him, what he was like, and we just ended up like we do sometimes, writing a song.”

Richie was only 24 when he died. Shelton was 14 at the time.

This was the first time Shelton, now 35, really opened up to Lambert about the tragedy.

“We both actually cried while writing the song,” said Lambert, 28.

“That’s the only time I’ve ever gotten that emotional writing a song, and him, too. So, I think the initial emotion came out right that day, and I think you hear it in the lyrics.”

Some of the lines are pulled directly from Shelton’s experience. Lambert sings, “Your favourite records make me feel better, cause you sing along with every song. I know you didn’t mean to give them to me.”

“That’s one of the things I got when my brother was killed. The family gave me all his albums and things like that,” Shelton said.

“That to me, that’s what I’m supposed to do as a country artist, a country songwriter, is take a real-life situation that is emotional and make it into music.”

BLAKE SHELTON ON THE SONG OVER YOU

“I just listened to them over and over again to feel like he was there.”

Shelton said Richie loved all kinds of music, from Hank Williams Jr. to MC Hammer.

He still has his brother’s No Fences album by Garth Brooks and says Richie’s favourite song at the time was Friends In Low Places.

The songwriting process helped Lambert and Shelton grow as a couple. Lambert calls it the most real song she’s ever had.

“It was really a great moment between us. It was like we moved to a deeper level, not just in our relationship, but also, we respect each other as artists, and being able to write something that personal with each other was really cool,” she said.

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▶ Married country singers Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert arrive at November’s Annual CMA Awards in Nashville, Tenn.

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T-Pain brushes off his critics with laughs and lots of hits

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▶ T-Pain's latest album, rEVOLVEr, was released last week.

T-Pain knows that whatever he does — including his latest album, rEVOLVEr, which he calls the best record he's ever done — there will be people who will just dismiss him as that Auto-Tune guy.

It doesn't bother him though. While it may be a blow to his ego, he soothes the slams with his ever-hearty laugh — and a glance at his chequebook.

"Say what you wanna say — I'm still rich," he said, chuckling while sitting in his tour bus. "It's not going to change anything."

Indeed, nothing seems to have derailed the 27-year-old singer and producer and his hit-making magic since he made his debut with songs like I'm Sprung and I'm N Luv (Wit a Stripper) in 2005. Those songs started a platinum-chain reaction of hits, including Buy U a Drank, Can't Believe It and Good Life with Kanye West, which earned him one of his two Grammy Awards.

"Say what you wanna say — I'm still rich."
T-PAIN

His reliance on Auto-Tune, the vocal aide that gives a computerized effect to his voice, became his signature sound. Its use grew so ubiquitous with other acts that it sparked a backlash.

Jay-Z famously declared D.O.A. (Death of Auto-Tune), but it still thrives. In fact, T-Pain's app that lets people add that effect to their voice is a popular one.

Speaking last month on the night of his final concert as the opening act for Chris Brown's F.A.M.E. tour, T-Pain was weary as he waited for his moment onstage. But through laughs, he had enough energy to talk about his latest album, his critics and the truth in his music.

Have you ever considered not using Auto-Tune because of all the criticism?

No. It made me do it more, just to annoy the hell out of people (laughs). ... It made me realize that when I don't use it, people don't pay attention to them songs. I've got a song on every album, two songs as a matter of fact on every album without Auto-Tune, and that's the song that nobody talks about. It's weird. And like my biggest hit, the biggest hit song I had, the longest-running song was Flo Rida's Low, and that didn't have Auto-Tune on it at all, and people had no idea. They just feel like anytime they hear me, it's going to be Auto-Tune. Anytime people read my tweets, they hear it in Auto-Tune. It's weird. I don't know (laughing).

How have you grown performing in the spotlight, dealing with criticism?

Most of the blogs and stuff, it's just their opinion. It's just that one person. They didn't ask anybody else how they felt. ... It's just their opinion, and I can ask anybody that. It doesn't have to be a journalist. I can just go on Twitter and say, "Hey guys, how did I do tonight?" (Laughs.) That's what I look to, I look to the people who actually came there for a concert, and not somebody who came there looking for some bad stuff to say, because that's what's interesting, that's what makes your blog interesting.

Does this record represent a different T-Pain?

It's a really different T-Pain. It's a more confident T-Pain on the album, but I'm like scared. I don't know what to do. I don't know how this is gonna work out. This album is really good, though. It's so good that I went back just to listen to all of my other albums, and I was like, I don't know why I thought people would like that. It's bad. It's like, such a difference.

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It's complicated: With simple songs

It's easy to get a Hot Chelle Rae song stuck in your head. It's not so easy to write one.

The breezy lyrics and infectious melodies that have come to define the pop band might seem simple, but guitarist Nash Overstreet says there's an art to coming up with uncomplicated hooks that compel everyone to sing along.

"When you really get into it and you investigate the whole writing craft, you realize how difficult it is to write something so simple and so memorable that everybody in the country can know it as soon as you sing two lines from it," said Overstreet, 25.

"We've learned so much through this process, honing that skill and learning from producers and co-writers. We've just had a ball doing it."

"There's a lot of sacrifices you make for the better of the song," added drummer Jamie Follese, 19.

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NASH OVERSTREET

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The four friends from Nashville, Tenn., formed Hot Chelle Rae six years ago. They burst onto the scene this year, selling over 2 million copies of their smash hit Tonight Tonight, and dominating radio airplay with their follow up single I like it like that. They've been touring nonstop and were recently named new artist of the year at the American Music Awards. The band released a new album, Whatever, Nov. 29.

Whatever is Hot Chelle Rae's sophomore effort. It includes collaborations with hip-hop duo New Boyz on I like it like that, Demi Lovato on the ballad Why don't you love me, and rapper/producer Bei Maejor on the song Radio. Lead singer Ryan Follese, 24, even plays kazoo on the track Downtown Girl.

Maejor has worked with artists including Ne-Yo, Trey Songz, T-Pain and Wiz Khalifa. He thinks fans are connecting with Hot Chelle Rae's music because they push the limits and use strong, familiar melodies.

"I heard a quote before ... 'Simplicity is the essence of elegance.' That means that simple is dope," said Maejor. "There's definitely a hard line between making it simple and catchy and simple and stupid, and I think they definitely make it simple and catchy."

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LiLo bails on Ellen, 'delayed in Hawaii'

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Lindsay Lohan

THE WORD

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Remember that "exclusive" interview Lindsay Lohan was going to do on Ellen — the only media appearance she agreed to do to promote her new Playboy magazine spread? Well, she missed it. Of course she did!

Her rep says the reason she didn't make the show was because she "was delayed in Hawaii due to a travel-related issue. Lindsay offered to tape Ellen tomorrow, but the show was unable to shift things around, and tomorrow is their last day of taping for the season." The show's producers are less than pleased, according to Gossip Cop. "Not a call or an apology from Lindsay," a source close to the show says.

However, the producers scored a coup de grace and got Paris Jackson (Michael Jackson's oldest child) to fill in for Lohan in her first solo television appearance, which will air on Thursday. The 13-year-old talked about her new film role in the fantasy film Lundon's Bridge and the Three Keys. She says her decision to act was due to her father. "My dad was in the movie Moonwalker and I knew he could sing really well, but I didn't know he could act. I saw that and I said, 'Wow, I want to be just like him.'"

Celebrity tweets

@OfficialMelB
ok so i think i'm d efoo going with the video xmas card,ok family lets get this done in the next week or so,will keep you guys posted!

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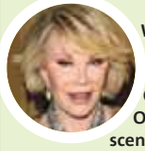

@Joan_Rivers
We Jews decorate differently for Christmas. Our manger scenes are typically set in a Chinese restaurant.

Sheen's ex heads back to rehab

After more recent run-ins with the law, Charlie Sheen's ex-wife Brooke Mueller has decided to once again check herself into rehab, according to TMZ.

"Brooke has decided to remove herself from the media spotlight and has entered a long-term in-patient treatment centre where she can focus on her recovery without distraction," her rep says.

"Brooke will retain custody of the children, who will remain in their home and familiar surroundings and be under the care of their longtime nanny. Charlie and Brooke's parents fully support her decision, and everyone recognizes the importance of maintaining the children's normal routine." METRO

Charlie Sheen

Sheen's binges 'heartbreaking' to watch: Lorre

Looking back on the blow-up between Charlie Sheen and Two and a Half Men, the show's creator, Chuck Lorre, has changed his views on his former colleague and friend.

"Every time he got himself into trouble, we believed that there was healing that was going to come. I certainly believed that sobriety is something that he wants in his life, and I was wrong," Lorre tells TV Guide magazine.

"You couldn't do that much cocaine and work. It was falling apart.

"It was heartbreaking to be around here then. I didn't want to be writing a sitcom while my friend died. Or worse, hurt someone else.

"We couldn't be complacent. There was a tragedy unfolding right in front of us. There was violence and blackouts. On a certain level, if you're looking the other way, you're responsible." METRO

Kutcher's fling regrets dishing

Despite the $200,000 she reportedly earned for dishing on her affair with Ashton Kutcher, San Diego resident Sarah Leal is regretting the decision to go public. "I got fired from my job. I am no longer friends with my best friend who was my roommate because it caused so many problems and I had to move out," Leal tells Fox411. "I had no idea what I was getting myself into." METRO

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

Angie still loves her some Brad

While six kids may seem like plenty, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt aren't necessarily done building their family.

"Nothing planned at the moment, but we just don't know," Jolie tells Marie Clare magazine. "I could end up pregnant."

In the meantime, she's got plenty of nice things to say about the man in her life. "[Brad] has expanded my life in ways I never imagined. We built a family. He is not just the love my life, he is my family. I hold that very dear," Jolie says. METRO

Marc 'nuts' over JLo's new playboy

Jennifer Lopez has moved on from ex-husband Marc Anthony with the help of a younger man, back-up dancer Casper Smart, and Anthony is reportedly "going nuts" about it, according to Us Weekly.

"He has fits and tantrums and is very stressed," a source says. [He's] lost a lot of weight." And apparently he's not the only one dismayed by the new pairing, as Lopez's friends reportedly aren't too thrilled either. "They don't feel Casper is good enough for her," a source says.

"They are worried because she really puts her heart out there for love."

For the record, a source for Anthony insists he has "been the same weight most of his life." METRO

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Crown's jewel shines

A daughter of design royalty and goddaughter of true royalty sparkles with many talents

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India Hicks hasn't drifted far from the flashbulbs since she was thrust into the global spotlight three decades ago as a teen bridesmaid in Charles and Diana's royal wedding.

The goddaughter of the Prince of Wales earned a degree in photography before moving in front of the lens as a sought-after model, featured by the likes of Ralph Lauren, Banana Republic and Bill Blass.

The London-born Hicks makes her home in the Bahamas with partner David Flint Wood and their four children, but continues to expand her brand.

She has launched an e-commerce arm of her island lifestyle boutique The Sugar Mill, has teamed with Crabtree and Evelyn on two collections of bath and beauty products and penned a book on inspirational interiors and another on fitness and natural beauty.

Her foray into designing fine jewelry seems a fitting addition to Hicks' style-centred resumé and reflective of her rich pedigree.

"I recognize in myself a lot of my strengths have come from him and indeed the way I decorate. Whether it's interiors, whether it's a collection of fragrances or whether it's fine jewelry."

INDIA HICKS ON HER FATHER, RENOWNED DECORATOR AND DESIGNER DAVID HICKS

Indeed, family played a figurative role in the decision to put her stamp on a signature jewelry collection — perhaps most notably her father, the late David Hicks.

The renowned interior decorator and designer was known for his strong use of colour and geometric designs in carpets and textiles, and his signature esthetic is where Hicks draws inspiration for her creations.

"We may have had a tricky relationship because he was quite a tricky chap, (but) a brilliant designer and a fascinating person," Hicks said in an interview last week in Holt Renfrew's offices.

"As a father, he was a perfectionist and he had a very strong point of view on how things were going to be done. So there were definitely times as a child where it was intimidating and life could have possibly been a little more relaxed on occasion.

"But nevertheless, I recognize in myself a lot of my strengths have come from him and, indeed, the way I decorate. Whether it's interiors, whether it's a collection of fragrances or whether it's fine jewelry, there's a lot of influence from my father."

Her mother is Lady Pamela Hicks, daughter to the Earl and Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

Hicks took part in an in-store meet-and-greet with customers at Holt Renfrew's downtown flagship store last week where her jewelry collection will be carried exclusively in Canada.

The 44-year-old said there's much more she'd like to tackle in the style domain, but she wants to ensure she maintains her responsibilities balancing motherhood with work.

She also seeks to be prudent in lending her name and energy to a project she sees as having longevity.

"You want a collection that, firstly, you know is going to stand the test of time, you know is actually a good product, you know will have an audience that will be willing to buy it and invest in it and follow you," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thank you India

Hicks aces accessories:

- The Hicks on Hicks collection of sterling silver and diamond pieces features her father's famous hexagonal pattern with a modern, architectural influence seen in cuffs, earrings, necklaces and statement rings.
- Her sea-inspired Island Life collection includes starfish wrap cuffs and rings, fishtail earrings and shimmering shell-shaped pendants.

Jeanne Space

In this hectic modern world, Twitter has become a cool and succinct way of communicating. It allows me to be accessible, instantly speak my mind, and connects me with all kinds of people. Whether it's a fashion question, or you just want to comment on life's bigger picture, I'd love to hear from you.

@Jeanne_Beker:
When my kids were small I gave them cozy new flannel pj's every xmas eve so they'd be wearing them xmas morning. What will YOU be wearing?

- **@toniaantonietta:** Wow, I gave both my girls the same thing. Now, in their twenties what do I give them?
- **@Jeanne_Beker:** My girls are in their 20s too. Think I'm going to revive the tradition!!
- **@patricktustin:** I want to find a flannel one-piece that will fit my 6 foot frame hahaha
- **@Jeanne_Beker** Oh yeah...with a "trap door" in the back, right? Good luck!!

▶ @Jeanne_Beker: Decking the halls (and tree) with @joeyoneil + my cool son-in-law Keith! Eggnog anyone??

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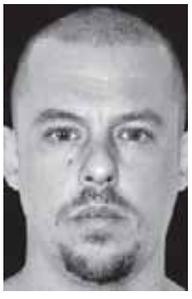

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Mane-y Christmas, happy new hair!

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By Chantel Simmons

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No room? There's still a place for that tree

Think outside the decoration box Karl Lohnes invents new ways to add festive flair to the smallest of spaces

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Question: I live in a really small space and have no room to add a Christmas tree. How can I add a festive look to my small condo that won't take up the floor space? Andrea Nichols, Vancouver

Answer: I suggest looking at ways to add fresh or artificial greenery to the walls or a door rather than taking up floor space.

First thing to do is inquire with your condo to see if fresh greens and trees are allowed (very often they are not), especially when electrical lights are being added.

Not only are they considered a fire hazard, but the cleaning of dried needles and removal of the tree after the holidays is often a concern.

Artificial greens are a great alternative; they look realistic, are fire-retardant and last from year to year.

Look for outdoor artificial greenery. Larger-scaled wreaths and garlands can also help add a bigger impact.

Get creative

- **If you have a balcony,** decorate an artificial tree with tons of coloured lights and outdoor ornaments to view through the patio door while inside.
- **Replace** your living room table lamps with small pre-lit and potted trees during the holidays. The soft light will add a warm glow to the room.
- **Fill an umbrella stand** with tall dogwood branches and add mini lights. This can be a tall and contemporary alternative to the standard bulky tree.

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▶ Outdoor Pine Wreath with decorations; $99, Pottery Barn

Do up your door

Link three wreaths vertically on a door so they can be viewed from a common spot in your condo. Use over-door wreath hangers to hang the wreaths.

Arranging the smallest on top to largest on bottom will give you a traditional tree shape or stacking same-sized wreaths will add a contemporary flair.

Use battery operated mini lights to illuminate the wreaths to allow the door to swing open and closed.

For real fun, paint the door a shiny bright red colour or cover it in a big-scaled holiday wrapping paper.

Christmas in a corner

Choose an artificial half or corner tree.

This will give you the look of a tree but without the bulk of a full one.

I suggest buying a four-six foot tree and standing it on a skirted decorator table to give it height and allow it to look super tall and majestic.

With only half or a quarter-sized tree to decorate, fill it with tons of ornaments that are all related by colour.

Some great colour combinations would be: brown and orange, lime green and gold or red and turquoise.

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▶ Faux long-needled garlands, ornaments and candles on a mantel add an instant holiday focal point to any room.

Festive reflections

Frame a large floor standing mirror with garlands, ornaments and lights.

To do this effectively, you have to go big with the garlands. Buy about 50 feet of garland; this will allow you to double it up and give a lush presence around the large mirror (or even a doorway or mantel).

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Wine spills in the middle of a reception often create a small scene. So let's take a deep breath and figure out how to deal with them.

1. Stay calm and don't draw too much attention to the spot, as this will make your guests feel uncomfortable.

2. Use a clean and dry cloth to absorb the wine but don't rub it in. Keep using the cloth or lots of paper towels to pat and absorb the liquid.

3. Flush the stain with fresh cool water. Again use a clean cloth to pat and absorb the stain. This should remove all of the wine.

4. Once all liquid has been absorbed, add lots of salt and let it sit overnight.

5. Vacuum the stain the following day.

Finally, as the host you can choose not to serve red wine. But in most cases you can easily get the stain out.

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Banish dull shrimp cocktail in favour of something zestier: Caribbean Shrimp Skewers

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▶ This recipe makes 24 skewers.

Are you a little bored with the same old shrimp cocktail? This year, try something different.

Start with the same easy, pre-cooked shrimp, but this time toss them with a zesty Jamaican-style seasoning blend and skewer them with cubes of tangy mango and cool, crunchy cucumber. Add a touch of zippy pepper and nobody will suffer from yet-another-shrimp-cocktail syndrome.

Ingredients:

- 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) allspice
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) cinnamon
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) nutmeg
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) dry ginger
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) dried thyme
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) cayenne pepper
- 5 ml (1 tsp) black pepper
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 285 g (10 oz) peeled and deveined cooked medium shrimp
- 6 Peppadew peppers, quartered
- 2 mangoes, peeled, cubed
- 1/2 English cucumber, cut in 1/2 moon slices

Preparation:

1. In bowl, stir garlic powder, allspice, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, thyme, cayenne, black pepper and salt. Pat shrimp dry, then toss in spice mix.

2. On 10-cm (4-inch) skewers or picks, place a piece of pepper, then a piece of mango, a piece of cucumber and finally 3 spiced shrimp. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, EMILYRICHARDSCOOK.CA**

Weekly Cookbook

One of the best parts of the festive season is appetizers to serve as friends gather. In that spirit, Toronto food writer Judith Finlayson and chef Jordan Wagman co-authored 750 Best Appetizers: From Dips and Salsas to Spreads and Shooters.

The book has 16 chapters built around specific types of dishes, such as dips, or specific ingredients like cheese.

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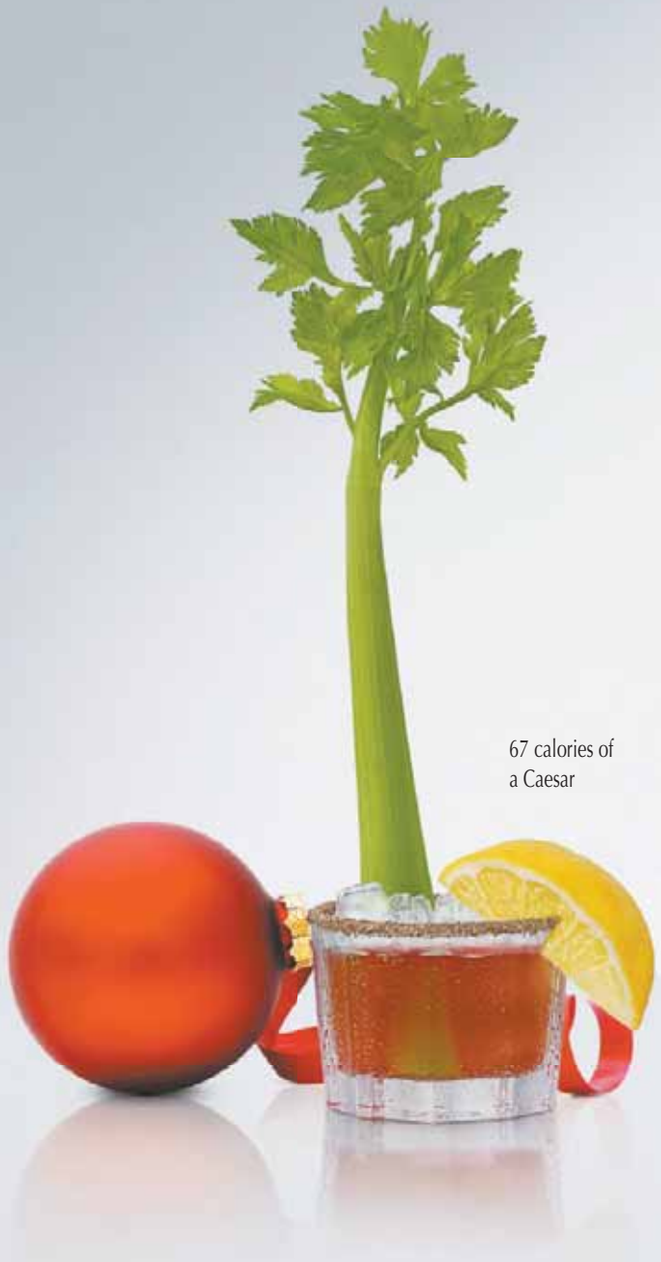

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Canucks preview

Vancouver at Carolina
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Built without tearing it down

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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The Boston Bruins. The Chicago Blackhawks. The Pittsburgh Penguins. The Vancouver Canucks. Which of these teams don't belong?

If you thought Vancouver because they didn't win the Stanley Cup in the past three seasons (or ever), you'd be right. But you'd also be correct if you said they're the only ones of the bunch who haven't had a top-five draft pick since the lockout.

In fact, the most recent trio of champions have selected 10 times in the top five since 2002, with seven of the players (Marc-André Fleury, Sidney Crosby, Eric Staal, Jonathan Toews, Phil Kessel, Patrick Kane and Tyler Seguin) developing into stars or outright superstars. (Ryan Whitney, Jack Skille and Cam Barker are the odd men out.)

It's a widespread belief in the salary-cap era that the best way to reach the top is to spend a year or five muddling at the bottom of the NHL's standings. The B's, Hawks and Pens help prove that theory correct. (While Columbus, Atlanta/Winnipeg and even Washington, all of whom have had three top fives since '02, help debunk it. And, yes, neither Kessel nor Seguin — who came via trade — had a serious impact for Boston, but the Bruins still struggled badly for a stretch.)

The Canucks, meanwhile, much like Detroit and San Jose, are proving you can be successful without bottoming out. Vancouver has won its division five times in the past eight years and missed the playoffs only twice thanks to quality management teams led by Brian Burke, Dave Nonis and Mike Gillis.

Of the 26 players on the active roster and on injured reserve, five were selected by the organization in the first round (Henrik and Daniel Sedin, Ryan Kesler, Cory Schneider and Cody Hodgson). Only the Sedins were top-five picks. Five other first-rounders were acquired via trade or free agency (Manny Malhotra, Dan Hamhuis, Keith Ballard, Chris Higgins and Roberto Luongo).

But it's finding the players you don't remember from draft day, a mixture of the deep draft picks and undrafted free agents, that helps keep a team in the hunt year after year: The club's top defenceman, Alex Edler, was tabbed 91st overall and Jannik Hansen 287th in 2004; Kevin Bieksa was picked 151st in '01; Alex Burrows was famously signed out of the ECHL in 2003 after going undrafted; Aaron Volpatti was passed over completely as well before inking a deal in 2010.

You don't need to stink to be successful, just smart. And the Canucks have done just that.

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▶ The Canucks have managed to maintain their success without bottoming out to get top draft picks.

Junior team has elite defence, depth up front

The Canadian team charged with reclaiming gold at the world junior hockey championship will be able to count on a big, deep defence, multi-purpose forwards and an experienced goaltender.

"We have real good balance," coach Don Hay said yesterday of his 22-man squad. "When we tried to put the team together, we really looked at what we'd need if somebody went down with an injury. Could that players move up? Play on the power play and kill penalties and things like that?

"We have a couple top-end lines and a couple of hard-working third and fourth lines and we have players that can fill different roles and move into different positions."

The defence is big and skilled.

"I learned a lot from last year. ... It's something I used to motivate myself in the summer to get better, but right now it's a clean slate"
GOALIE MARK VISENTIN

Led by Saginaw Spirit's Jamie Oleksiak (almost six foot seven and 244 pounds), the seven defencemen chosen average almost six foot three and 200 pounds. Five of them were taken in the first round of the NHL draft.

Up front, Canada profited when Devante Smith-Pelly of the Anaheim Ducks and Brett Connolly of the Tampa Bay Lightning were made available to the Canadian team.

Smith-Pelly, five foot 11 and 212 pounds, is projected to play the wing on Canada's top line and create space for his linemates.

"I think we'll be physical in a lot of different ways," said Hay, who coaches the WHL Vancouver Giants. "We have a lot of speed that will let us get to pucks quickly and then when we get the pucks we'll be physical on the puck. You have Smith-Pelly who will create a lot of physical play and I think guys will really follow him."

The 2012 world junior hockey championship opens Dec. 26 in Calgary and Edmonton. Canada will play its Pool B games in Edmonton. Pool A and medal-round games are in Calgary.

Mark Visentin, one of four Niagara IceDogs named to the Canadian team, will start in goal.
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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	29	19	7	2	1	106	82	41	8-4-1-1	11-3-1-0	8-2-0-0	W6
d-Boston	30	20	9	0	1	102	61	41	11-6-0-1	9-3-0-0	7-2-0-1	W3
d-Florida	31	16	9	2	4	84	80	38	6-2-1-4	10-7-1-0	4-3-2-1	L3
NY Rangers	27	17	6	1	3	83	60	38	8-2-0-2	9-4-1-1	7-2-0-1	W2
Pittsburgh	31	17	10	2	2	95	79	38	8-3-2-0	9-7-0-2	5-4-1-0	L1
Toronto	30	16	11	2	1	93	95	35	7-4-2-1	9-7-0-0	5-4-1-0	W1
New Jersey	30	16	13	0	1	79	86	33	6-5-0-1	10-8-0-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Buffalo	30	15	12	2	1	81	82	33	7-9-2-1	8-3-0-0	3-4-2-1	L2
Montreal	31	13	11	2	5	79	80	33	5-5-2-4	8-6-0-1	4-2-1-3	W2
Winnipeg	30	14	12	3	1	84	93	32	10-4-0-0	4-8-3-1	6-3-1-0	W1
Ottawa	32	14	14	2	2	96	112	32	7-7-0-1	7-7-2-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Washington	29	15	13	0	1	89	94	31	10-5-0-1	5-8-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	30	12	16	0	2	79	101	26	7-5-0-0	5-11-0-2	3-7-0-0	L2
NY Islanders	28	9	13	4	2	65	93	24	6-7-3-0	3-6-1-2	4-3-2-1	L3
Carolina	32	9	18	3	2	80	110	23	5-9-0-2	4-9-3-0	1-7-1-1	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Minnesota	32	20	8	2	2	83	70	44	10-4-1-1	10-4-1-1	7-2-0-1	L2
d-Chicago	31	19	8	1	3	103	95	42	9-2-0-3	10-6-1-0	7-2-0-1	W3
d-Dallas	29	17	11	0	1	74	78	35	9-4-0-1	8-7-0-0	6-3-0-1	W2
Detroit	29	19	9	1	0	93	63	39	12-2-1-0	7-7-0-0	8-2-0-0	W3
Vancouver	30	18	10	0	2	98	73	38	8-4-0-1	10-6-0-1	8-1-0-1	L1
St. Louis	29	17	9	0	3	71	62	37	11-3-0-1	6-6-0-2	7-2-0-1	W3
Nashville	30	15	11	3	1	79	80	34	6-5-2-1	9-6-1-0	5-5-0-0	W3
San Jose	28	15	10	2	1	78	68	33	8-6-1-0	7-4-1-1	3-5-1-1	L3
Phoenix	30	15	12	1	2	78	80	33	6-6-1-1	9-6-0-1	5-5-0-0	L3
Edmonton	30	14	13	0	3	83	80	31	9-5-0-2	5-8-0-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Calgary	30	14	14	1	1	74	82	30	8-5-1-1	6-9-0-0	6-3-0-1	L1
Los Angeles	30	13	13	2	2	65	70	30	8-9-0-1	5-4-2-1	3-6-1-0	L5
Colorado	31	14	16	1	0	82	94	29	8-9-0-0	6-7-1-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Anaheim	30	9	16	2	3	71	96	23	7-9-1-0	2-7-1-3	2-7-1-0	W1
Columbus	30	9	17	1	3	73	100	22	6-8-1-1	3-9-0-2	4-4-1-1	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Boston 5 Ottawa 2
Chicago 4 Minnesota 3 (SO)
Anaheim 4 Phoenix 1
Tuesday's results
Toronto 2 Carolina 1 (OT)
Ottawa 3 Buffalo 2 (OT)
Winnipeg 2 Minnesota 1
Columbus 2 Vancouver 1 (SO)
Nashville 2 Calgary 1
Colorado 4 San Jose 3 (SO)
Dallas 1 N.Y. Rangers 0
Montreal 5 N.Y. Islanders 3
Boston 3 Los Angeles 0
Detroit 4 Pittsburgh 1
New Jersey 3 Florida 2 (SO)
Philadelphia 5 Washington 1
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Dallas at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Washington at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Dallas at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

BLACKHAWKS 4, WILD 3 (SO)

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Second Period
1. Chicago, Hossa 13 (J.Toews, Sharp) 9:19 (pp)
2. Chicago, Frolik 5 (Kruger, Mayers), 10:48
3, Minnesota, Brodziak 11 (Johnson) 13:10
4. Minnesota, Cullen 9 (Clutterbuck, W.Peters) 15:41
Penalties — Carcillo Chi, Staubitz, Minn (fighting) 3:29, Koivu Minn (tripping) 7:06, Cullen Minn (unsportsmanlike conduct) 8:20, Montador Chi (high-sticking) 17:37.
Third Period
5, Chicago, J.Toews 18 (Stalberg) 6:54
6, Minnesota, Koivu 8 (Clutterbuck, Stoner), 14:56.
Penalty — Carcillo, Chi (elbowing), 8:01.
Overtime — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout
Chicago wins 2-0
Chicago (2)— J.Toews, goal; Kane, goal; Minnesota (0)—Cullen, miss; Heatley, miss.
Shots on goal

Chicago	11	10	7	3	—31
Minnesota	2	10	16	2	—30

Goal — Chicago: Emery (W,7-1-2); Minnesota: Backstrom (SOL,11-6-3).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Chicago: 1-2 Minnesota: 0-2.
Referees — Chris Rooney, Francois St. Laurent. **Linesmen** — Ryan Galloway, Dan Schachte.
Att. — 19,254 (18,064) at St. Paul, Minn.

BRUINS 5, SENATORS 2

First Period
1. Boston, Peverley 6 (Ference, Corvo) 12:10
Penalties — Lucic Bos, Carkner Ott (fighting) 11:46.
Second Period
2. Ottawa, Alfredsson 8 (Spezza) 4:23
3. Boston, Kelly 12 (Boychuk, Peverley) 13:47
Penalties — Seidenberg Bos (cross-checking) 5:31, McQuaid Bos (kneeing major, game misconduct) 17:45, Konopka Ott (goaltender interference) 19:40.
Third Period
4. Boston, Bergeron 6, 4:54
5. Boston, Paille 4 (Thornton, Ference) 5:50
6. Ottawa, Spezza 10 (Phillips, Alfredsson) 15:55
7. Boston, Paille 5, 18:56
Penalties — Horton Bos (high-sticking) 12:43, Marchand Bos (delay of game) 16:23.
Shots on goal

Boston	6	13	10	—29
Ottawa	13	14	22	—49

Goal — Boston: Thomas (W,14-5-0); Ottawa: Anderson (L,12-11-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** Boston: 0-1; Ottawa: 0-4.
Attendance — 18,088 (19,153) at Ottawa.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	16	23	39
Kessel, Tor	18	18	36
Lupul, Tor	13	21	34
D.Sedin, Vcr	12	22	34
Stamkos, TB	18	15	33
Versteeg, Fla	15	18	33
H.Sedin, Vcr	8	25	33
Toews, Chi	17	15	32
Nugent-Hopkins, Edm	13	19	32
Pominville, Buf	10	22	32
Sharp, Chi	16	15	31
Ma.Hossa, Chi	12	19	31
Backstrom, Wash	11	20	31
Eberle, Edm	11	20	31
Weiss, Fla	11	20	31
P.Kane, Chi	8	23	31
Fleischmann, Fla	12	18	30
Datsyuk, Det	9	21	30
Spezza, Ott	9	21	30
Neal, Pgh	17	12	29
Franzen, Det	14	15	29
Vanek, Buf	14	15	29
Malkin, Pgh	11	18	29
Selanne, Ana	9	20	29
Kopitar, LA	10	18	28
Hartnell, Pha	15	12	27
M.Koivu, Minn	7	20	27
Seguin, Bos	13	13	26
Smyth, Edm	12	14	26
Karlsson, Ott	2	24	26
Michalek, Ott	19	6	25
Gaborik, NYR	15	10	25
Vrbata, Phx	14	11	25
B.Richards, NYR	11	14	25
Elias, NJ	10	15	25
Filppula, Det	10	15	25
Jagr, Pha	10	15	25
Ra.Whitney, Phx	10	15	25
Plekanec, Mtl	6	19	25
E.Kane, Wpg	15	9	24
Perry, Ana	12	12	24
Skinner, Car	12	12	24
Tavares, NYI	10	14	24
Briere, Pha	9	15	24
Benn, Dal	7	17	24
J.Thornton, SJ	5	19	24
Parenteau, NYI	4	20	24
B.Campbell, Fla	2	22	24
Moulson, NYI	15	8	23
Lucic, Bos	10	13	23
Parise, NJ	10	13	23

Last night's games not included

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	3	0	.769	396	274
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	327	270
Buffalo	5	8	0	.385	288	341
Miami	4	9	0	.308	256	246

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	10	3	0	.769	330	208
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	266	251
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	193	252
Indianapolis	0	13	0	.000	184	382

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	10	3	0	.769	320	202
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	282	198
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538	285	270
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	178	254

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	5	0	.615	269	302
Oakland	7	6	0	.538	290	354
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	324	299
Kansas City	5	8	0	.385	173	305

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	6	0	.538	324	349
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	317	281
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	297	292
Washington	4	9	0	.308	229	290

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	415	286
Atlanta	8	5	0	.615	300	267
Carolina	4	9	0	.308	313	355
Tampa Bay	4	9	0	.308	232	370

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	13	0	0	1.000	466	278
Detroit	8	5	0	.615	367	305
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	301	255
Minnesota	2	11	0	.154	274	364

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	10	3	0	.769	307	182
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	246	259
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	253	288
St. Louis	2	11	0	.154	153	326

x-clinched playoff spot; **y**-clinched division
WEEK 15
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday's game
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
New Orleans at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Houston, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
New England at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

GOLF

DUBAI LADIES MASTERS

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Par 72
First Round

Lotta Wahlin	30-36—66
Becky Brewerton	33-34—67
Minea Blomqvist	34-34—68
Julieta Granada	33-35—68
Stacy Lee Bregman	35-33—68
Linda Wessberg	34-34—68
Jaclyn Sweeney	33-36—69
Lee-Anne Pace	35-34—69
Elizabeth Bennett	32-37—69
Christel Boeljon	33-36—69
Tandi Cuningham	32-37—69
Julie Maisongrosse	33-36—69
Diana Luna	32-37—69
Maria Verchenova	34-35—69
Beth Allen	33-36—69
Liebelei Lawrence	37-33—70
Margherita Rigon	35-35—70
Becky Morgan	37-33—70
Sophie Giquel-Bettan	35-35—70
Stacey Keating	35-35—70
Alexis Thompson	35-35—70
Alison Walshe	33-37—70
Karen Lunn	35-35—70
Charlie Douglass	32-38—70
Elisabeth Esterl	36-34—70
Cassandra Kirkland	34-36—70
Caroline Afonso	36-34—70
Caroline Westrup	34-36—70
Lynnette Brooky	36-35—71
Carlota Ciganda	34-37—71
Kaisa Ruuttila	36-35—71
Louise Larsson	37-34—71
Sara Brown	34-37—71
Sophie Gustafson	34-37—71
Rachel Jennings	37-34—71
Also	
Michelle Wie	37-36—73
Laura Davies	37-38—75
Anna Nordqvist	37-38—75

SOCCER

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP

At Toyota, Japan
Yesterday's results
SEMIFINAL
Santos (Brazil) 3 Kashiwa Reysol (Japan) 1
FIFTH PLACE
Monterrey (Mexico) 3 Esperance (Tunisia) 2

EUROPA LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Group D
FC Zurich (Switzerland) 2 Vaslui (Romania) 0
Lazio (Italy) 2 Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 0
Group E
Besiktas (Turkey) 3 Stoke City (England) 1
Dynamo Kyiv (Ukr.) 3 Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr.) 3
Group F
Paris St-Germain (Fra.) 4 Athletic Bilbao (Spn.) 2
Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) 2 Salzburg (Austria) 3
Group J
Maccabi Haifa (Israel) 0 Schalke (Germany) 3
Steaua Bucharest (Rom.) 3 AEK Larnaca (Cyp.) 1
Group K
Fulham (England) 2 Odense (Denmark) 2
Wisla Krakow (Poland) 2 Twente (Neth.) 1
Group L
Anderlecht (Blg.) 5 Lokomotiv Moscow (Rus.) 3
Sturm Graz (Austria) 1 AEK Athens (Greece) 3

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with LHP Tsuyoshi Wada on a two-year contract.
K.C. ROYALS—Released RHP Mario Santiago.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with RHP Takashi Saito on a 1-year contract.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Named Dave Hajek infield co-ordinator; Kevin Riggs hitting coach for Tulsa (Texas); Jon Stone hitting coach for Modesto (Cal); Mike Devereaux hitting coach for Asheville (SAL) and Drew Saylor hitting coach for Grand Junction (Pioneer).
HOUSTON ASTROS—Acquired INF Jed Lowrie & RHP Kyle Weiland from Boston for RHP Mark Melancon. Designated INF Brian Bixler for assignment.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with 3B Aramis Ramirez on a 3-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with SS Rafael Furcal on a two-year contract.

BASKETBALL

NBA

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Signed G Jerome Randle.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed F Josh McRoberts to a two-year contract.
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES—Signed C Marc Gasol.
MIAMI HEAT—Waived G Cameron Jones.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Signed G J.J. Barea to a four-year contract.

FOOTBALL

CFL

EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Re-signed FB Mathieu Bertrand to a two-year contract.

NFL

DALLAS COWBOYS—Placed QB Jon Kitna on injured reserve. Signed WR Dwayne Harris from the practice squad. Signed QB Chris Greisen to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed S Sterling Moore to practice squad.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Announced defensive co-ordinator Wade Phillips took medical leave.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed LB Michael Wilhoite to the practice squad. Released RB Ian Johnson from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

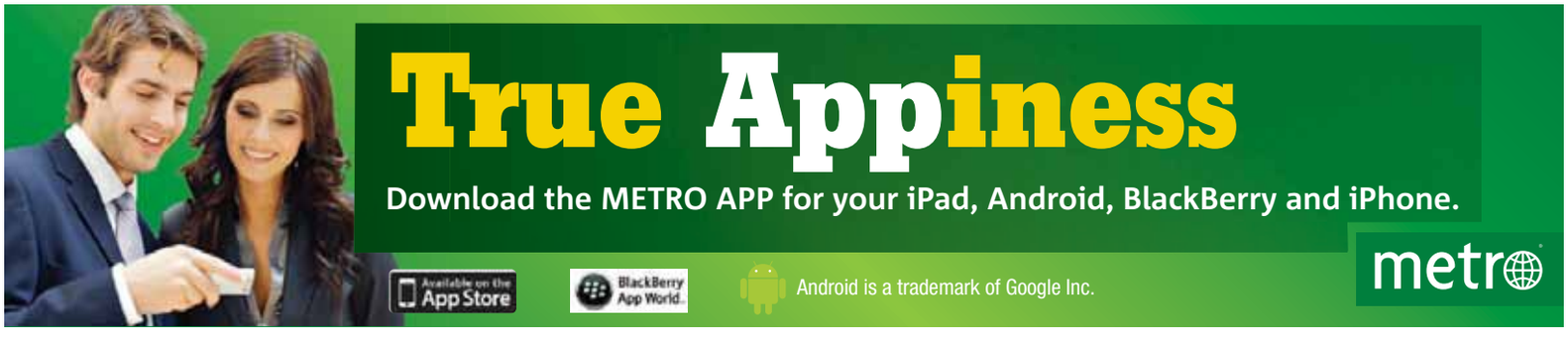
NHL

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled G Justin Peters from Charlotte (AHL). Reassigned G Mike Murphy to Charlotte.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled RW Michael Blunden from Hamilton (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled D Tim Erixon from Connecticut (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Sent D Evan Oberg to Norfolk (AHL). Reassigned D Charles Landry from Norfolk to Florida (ECHL).
WINNIPEG JETS—Reassigned D Arturs Kulda to the St. John's (AHL).

SOCCER

MLS

PORTLAND TIMBERS—Named Mike Toshack goalkeeper coach.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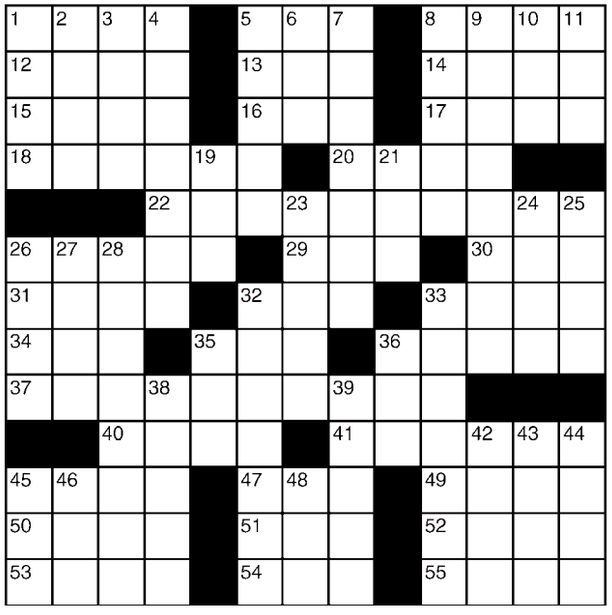

Across

1 Call a halt to
5 Moreover
8 Spare tire
12 Lima's land
13 Island souvenir
14 Anger
15 Right on the map?
16 Energy
17 It takes the cake
18 Squat down
20 Lounge around
22 Steinway accessory
26 Winter warmer
29 Ostrich's cousin
30 Payable
31 Crazy one
32 Gabor or Mendes
33 Frau's mate
34 Submachine gun
35 Chopping tool
36 Heart line?
37 Weightlifting maneuver
40 Brat's stocking stuffer
41 Meager
45 Met melody
47 Chances, for short
49 Midday
50 Covers
51 A Gershwin
52 Fragrant oil source
53 Versifier
54 Plaything
55 — and crafts

Down

1 Detail, for short
2 Rip
3 Approximately
4 Taken advantage of
5 Greek leader?
6 Born
7 Sheepskin
8 Reached 32 degrees, maybe
9 Light purple shade
10 Time of your life?
11 Quarterback Roethlisberger
19 Spy novel org.
21 — Dhabi
23 When pigs fly
24 Rudely brief
25 Zeus' consort
26 Organization
27 Leak slowly
28 Agree
32 Use
33 Cry of acclamation
35 "Eureka!"
36 Cleo's slayer
38 Move on momentum
39 English homework, maybe
42 Lion's call
43 Type
44 Tackles' teammates
45 Height for Heidi
46 Carnival city
48 Expert

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

3			9		4			1
	1		2		3		6	
		6				9		
		3	6		8	5		
2								6
		1	4		7	8		
		2				3		
	4		1		6		9	
9			5		2			7

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

6	5	8	7	4	9	1	2	3
1	3	9	2	8	5	6	4	7
2	7	4	3	1	6	8	5	9
4	9	6	1	3	7	5	8	2
8	2	7	6	5	4	9	3	1
3	1	5	8	9	2	4	7	6
5	6	3	9	2	8	7	1	4
9	4	2	5	7	1	3	6	8
7	8	1	4	6	3	2	9	5

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Nice face! You're really sweet! That's all I really need to say. My social awkwardness may keep me from asking you out for a while, but you're just too darn pretty to worry about that. **WEEKDAYGROWLERFILLER**

Youmattie, You are a dream I do not wish to wake. But if I must wake, let me wake with a Kiss. **TERENCE**

My wonderful Prince Charming, you are my unique and true love! You are my endless love! You are my destiny! I believe that fate has brought us together til the end of time! You are a gift from heaven! and today is my b-day..I am blessed and lucky to be loved by you! Thank you for loving me so much, for your support and in believing and trusting in me... I love you so much.
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Today 7°/3° Fog
Friday 6°/4° Rain and snow 40%
Know what the weather will be 14 days from now.
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 So many things are going right for you now that it's like you have a guardian angel watching over you.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 An investment you made a long time ago may pay off today.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Make the effort to remind the people who mean the most to you how much you care for them.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Take care with your thoughts today, because what you focus on will very soon become your reality. Think only happy thoughts.
♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Cosmic activity in your fellow Fire sign of Sagittarius makes it easy for you to persuade friends and rivals to give you what you need.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you're not careful, you could find yourself swept away on a tide of other people's negative feelings.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You will say something outrageous today — and you will be applauded for it.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If someone says you need to prove your friendship by spending money, you're being take on ride.
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Whatever target it is you are aiming at, you will hit it with ease.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You know instinctively that what someone is telling you is a lie. Just turn your back and walk away.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 This is a great day for reaching out to people you have not seen in a while. Renew those old friendships.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You'll get the opportunity to make a powerful friend today. Don't try to be modest about your talents.
SALLY BROMPTON

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As the price of gold reached a record high, the Better Business Bureau warned sellers across B.C. to beware of scammers hoping to rip off people cashing in. Prices for the precious metal have soared over $1,700 an ounce, and BBB President Lynda Pasacreta says that she's seen a corresponding increase in people falling victim to unscrupulous buyers. *"We've noticed that, especially in the online world, people are sending in their gold, and then they're either being disappointed with the price they're being quoted or they're not hearing anything -- [the gold] just kind of disappears,"* she told CTV News. *"The BBB is currently handling 19 complaints against a single gold-buying company in mainland B.C."* There are no complaints about J&M. We are well known to pay the best prices in town.

See the CTV interview online at:
http://www.bullioncoinsandbars.com/article-2011-08-09-bbb.htm

See the Global TV BC segment on record gold prices, including a visit to J&M's Vancouver store at:
http://www.bullioncoinsandbars.com/article-2011-07-18-record.htm

Below is a direct, real comparison of J&M's buying prices with those of a new Vancouver buyer claiming to be the highest buyer

Item/Description	They Pay	J&M Pays
10kt scrap gold, per gram	$17.20	$18.44
14kt scrap gold, per gram	$24.00	$25.90
1 oz. Recognized Gold Bar	$1,583.00	$1,741.33
1 oz. Gold Maple Leaf Coin	$1,670.00	$1,752.20
Sterling Silver, per Gram	$0.58	$0.76
Silver Canadian Coins from 1966 and earlier, per $1 face value	$14.70	$17.31

Gold Coins and Bars

1 oz. modern, sealed bars	$1,741.33
1 oz gold Maple Leaf	$1,752.20
1 oz. Krugerrand	$1,694.83
Sovereign	$396.91

Silver Coins and Bars

1 oz. silver bar	$33.43
10 oz. silver bar	$337.44
100 oz. silver bar	$3,283.10
1 oz. silver Maple Leaf	$33.79

Canada Collector Coins

1948 $1	$900.00 and up
1890H 50¢	$500.00 and up
1875H 25¢	$200.00 and up
1889 10¢	$350.00 and up
1921 5¢	$4,000.00 and up
1923 1¢	$14.00 and up

Silver Coins *Per $1.00 Face Value*

Canada 1968	$10.56
Canada 1967	$13.49
Canada 1966 and earlier	$17.31
USA 1964 and older	$21.01

Scrap Gold *Per gram*

10kt	$18.44
14kt	$25.90
18kt	$33.37

Prices in this ad based on gold @ U$1,713.62 and silver @ U$32.065 and a USD/CAD exchange rate of 1.0241 on December 9, 2011, the day this ad was created.

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